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More than 60% of residents in Guilford vote in education board races driven by hotbed issue

Dems point to wins in Guilford, Simsbury, Avon; GOP prevails in Bristol, New Britain, rural areas



New Britain Mayor Erin Stewart gives a victory speech to a crowd of supporters at the Back Nine restaurant at Stanley Golf Course Tuesday night after winning a fifth term. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Guilford Republicans who ran against 'race theory' defeated

By Daniela Altomari
Hartford Courant

Guilford Republicans who ran on a promise to keep critical race theory out of the schools decisively lost their bid for seats on the board of education Tuesday, according to unofficial results.

Voter turnout topped 60%, an exceptionally high number in this affluent shoreline enclave where classroom lessons about racism dominated the municipal campaign.

The issue also drove turnout in other communities. In Coventry, a politically purple town where the GOP also embraced an anti-critical race theory platform, turnout approached 40%, according to preliminary numbers from Secretary of the State Denise Merrill. Turnout in New Canaan, where Republicans also campaigned against the issue, exceeded 50%.

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Residents vote at the Mansfield Community Center on Tuesday. Both Democrats and Republicans claimed key victories in Connecticut's local races. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

Local issues drive voters to the polls as both parties claim wins

By Alex Puttermann
Hartford Courant

High-profile municipal elections drove high voter turnout Tuesday, as Connecticut residents weighed in on a diverse range of issues — from hotly contested mayoral races to fights over teaching the history of racism in public schools.

Unlike a year ago — when the nation was singularly engaged in a bitter presidential race — this year's election in Connecticut was marked largely by local issues. In Guilford, for example, more than 60% of residents voted Tuesday, far more than in previous municipal elections, with Republicans who ran on a promise to keep "critical race theory" out of local schools losing handily.

As results rolled in Tuesday night, both

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West Hartford Dems prevail

Democrats extend hold on town council, while GOP likely shuts down challenge from A Connecticut Party. **NEWS, PAGE 2**

No winner yet in Stamford

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Panel gives OK to shots for kids

CDC approves smaller doses for children ages 5-11

By Lauran Neergaard and Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

U.S. health officials Tuesday gave the final signoff to Pfizer's kid-size COVID-19 shot, a major expansion of the nation's vaccination campaign.

The Food and Drug Administration already authorized the shots for children ages 5 to 11 — doses just a third of the amount given to teens and adults. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends who should receive FDA-cleared vaccines.

The announcement by CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky came hours after an advisory panel unanimously decided Pfizer's shots should be opened to the 28 million youngsters in that age group.

Millions of shots made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech have already been shipped to states, doctors' offices and pharmacies.

Walensky's decision marks the first opportunity for Americans under 12 to get the powerful protection of any COVID-19 vaccine.

"Today is a monumental day in the course of this pandemic," Walensky told the advisory panel earlier Tuesday.

She said while the risk of severe disease and death is lower in young children than adults, it is real — and that COVID-19 has had a profound

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The 5- to 11-year-olds will receive two shots, three weeks apart. **PFIZER**

State already ninth nationally in online, sports betting traffic

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

In the first week of legal sports betting and online casino gambling in Connecticut, 1.2 million transactions took place, propelling the state to No. 9 among states in overall online sports betting and traffic, a geographic tracking company says.

Boosted by strong interest from its bettors in its populous neighbor New York, Connecticut surpassed Colorado, which has 2.2 million more residents than Connecticut. The betting law approved in May by Gov. Ned Lamont and the General Assembly requires online betting in-state.

The data, collected and analyzed by GeoComply Solutions Inc., a

Canadian company that applies technology to detect online fraud, said last week the concentration of gambling activity is in southwestern Connecticut, originating in New York. As a result, it said evidence shows a "definite appetite for legal, regulated betting options in the region, particularly from New York."

Sports betting could be rolled

out in New York early next year, forcing residents in the meantime to look to nearby Connecticut, GeoComply said. Previously, New Jersey, which legalized sports betting in 2018, was a popular destination for sports betting. GeoComply tracks sports betting in 18 states and the District of Columbia.

"We've learned from the New

Jersey experience that New Yorkers are clearly motivated to travel locally to bet on sites where proper consumer protections have been put in place that safeguard the integrity of their wager," stated Chad Kornett, vice president of global government relations at GeoComply. "Connecticut looks to

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CONNECTICUT COMPANY GETS OK FOR RAPID COVID-19 TEST

A Guilford company has received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its at-home test that gives results within an hour. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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West Hartford Democrats retain control of council

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

West Hartford Democrats extended their 21-year hold on the town council in Election Day voting Tuesday, while Republicans appeared to have shut down a spirited challenge from A Connecticut Party.

According to unofficial results Tuesday night, Democrats will retain six seats on the nine-person council. Mayor Shari Cantor and incumbents Carol Blanks, Leon Davidoff, Liam Sweeney and Ben Wenograd won reelection, joined by political newcomer Adrienne "Ace" Billings-Smith.

"I'm so proud of the work that has come before me, and the work that we currently did, and the work we're going to do in the future," Cantor said during her victory speech. "What this election says is that our community, our Democrats,

know that we're doing a great job at what we do, and they're happy with the way our town is run."

"I think we had a resounding victory, and it really goes to credit the work we've done for the town," Wenograd said Tuesday night. "I think our voters understand that we've had really great leadership in West Hartford. We got through COVID as well as possible, and we're moving the city forward."

Mary Fay, the only incumbent Republican to run, along with Al Cortes and Mark Zydanowicz will form the council's minority. The West Hartford town charter allows a maximum majority of six council members from a single party.

Lee Gold, who received the most votes from the Republicans ballot in 2019, split from the GOP with party Chairman Mark Merritt citing concerns that the national Repub-

lican party had swung too far to the right. They helped revive the dormant A Connecticut Party, formed in the 1990 gubernatorial race by Lowell P. Weicker.

"I'm disappointed with the results, I'm concerned by the direction West Hartford has chosen," Gold said. Still, he has hope for the viability of the A Connecticut Party moving forward, and said he'll continue to spread the party's moderate message.

Gold and Merritt, along with residents Rick Bush and Roni Rodman ran on the A Connecticut Party line in this election, but appeared to fail to win any of the council seats, according to unofficial results Tuesday evening.

Some wondered ahead of the election whether West Hartford's election would be a referendum on the Republican party on the national level.



The new town council will select the next West Hartford mayor, and current mayor Shari Cantor is expected to keep her post.
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their more conservative wing, and I think it's reflective of a lot of stuff going on around the country where the more conservative wing is winning in that party."

The 15-person candidate pool running for council seats was the second largest in more than 50 years, Town Clerk Essie Labrot said.

"This is the first time from 1969 to present that we have had two major parties, two minor parties and one petitioning candidate on the same ballot for town council," Labrot previously told the Courant.

The crowded field made possible a number of complexities in council composition. Neither the GOP nor A Connecticut Party ran full slates, so neither could themselves field a majority.

Tuesday's also-rans include Libertarian David deHaas, a writer and philosopher, and petitioning

candidate Aaron Sarwar. This was the second town council campaign for Sarwar, a local entrepreneur and United States Air Force captain.

The new town council will select the next mayor and Mayor Cantor is expected to continue after winning reelection Tuesday night.

Tuesday's ballot also included Jason Oliver Chang, who was appointed to serve the balance of a term on the Board of Education in June 2020 following the resignation of the resignation of Sean Passan.

Chang is an Associate Professor in History and Asian American Studies at UConn and Director of the Asian and Asian American Studies Institute. Chang, who has been involved in anti-racism campaigns, was appointed last June to the Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council.

Stewart wins historic fifth term as New Britain mayor

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

New Britain voters on Tuesday made Erin Stewart the longest-serving Republican mayor in the Hardware City's history, drawing cheers and dancing from about 200 jubilant supporters at her victory party at the Back Nine Tavern.

Partial, unofficial figures put her up by at least 2,000 votes over Democratic state Rep. Bobby Sanchez, who conceded around 9 p.m.

"I'm so grateful for the people who have put their faith and their trust in me for two more years. They like what they see. They heard our message — we care, we lead, New Britain wins," she said while declaring victory shortly after 9 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., it was still uncertain just what type of

council Stewart will work with in the new term. Going into Election Day, Republicans held an 8-7 edge in New Britain. She cautioned supporters that although early figures looked good, the council races were too close to call.

Stewart — up against perhaps the strongest opponent of her career — campaigned hard from early spring through Tues-day evening.

Bobby Sanchez, a Puerto Rican with widespread name recognition and substantial popularity in the city's Hispanic community, had been expected to give her a grueling challenge. He would have been the first Hispanic mayor in New Britain, and scheduled his Election Night party for the Puerto Rican Society club on High Street.

In response, Stewart flooded social media with posts and videos, and made campaign appearances week after week.

In contrast, Sanchez, chairman of the General Assembly's education committee, appeared to focus on fundraising and behind-the-scenes campaign work.

But while Sanchez lobbed occasional criticisms at Stewart over her long-running decision to flat fund the annual education budget, he mounted no sustained attack and presented few specific policy initiatives. Many party insiders privately rapped his campaign as lack-luster.

Politically, Stewart's victory could have significance well beyond New Britain: Political observers from both sides are likely to

be tracking her fifth term for signs that she'll try again for statewide office.

Her first bid three years ago failed, but supporters say that her appeal remains as strong as ever: She's a relatively moderate Republican who consistently wins big in a heavily Democratic, pro-union city.

And even detractors credit her with solid political instincts and an uncanny knack for public relations.

When the city started demolition of a long-abandoned Catholic high school last week, for instance, she held a ceremony to declare anti-blight progress for the East Side.

Her administration invited a priest to conduct an unusual ceremony: the blessing of a demolition. Rather than bemoan the loss of their cherished

school, St. Thomas Aquinas alumni lavishly praised Stewart and awarded her a school sweatshirt — all in front of cameras from four TV stations.

And despite portraying herself as socially progressive, Stewart went against the tide last year when Connecticut cities were scrambling to remove Columbus statues. She and the council kept New Britain's in place, quieting discontent in the Italian-American community while appearing to pay little or no price among Latinos.

Stewart became the state's youngest mayor at 23 by crushing Democratic incumbent Tim O'Brien by 1,100 votes in 2013. She followed with reelection victory margins of 3,000 in 2015, 1,300 in 2017 and 2,600 in 2019.

Stewart made her first foray into statewide politics, when fresh from easily winning her third term, she made a late-announced bid for governor in 2018.

That run went nowhere, but served as a warning to the Republican Party against nominating more right-wing men in blue Connecticut.

On Tuesday night, Stewart said she wouldn't rule out a future run for statewide office, but insisted her focus now is on her next term in New Britain.

When she was asked in mid-2020 about another run for governor, Stewart wouldn't rule it out.

"I'll never close any door for opportunity. It's always a consideration. When I look at my experience running in 2018, I'll be exploring every option as it leads up to 2022," she said at the time.

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Guilford

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Results for those communities and others across the state were not available at press time.

Educators say that critical race theory — a legal framework used by academics to explore the pervasive impact of racism on American society — is not being taught in Connecticut's K-12 schools. The phrase has become shorthand for white objections to teaching about systemic racism.

"This was a political branding exercise hatched by extremists to scare suburban voters," said Bill Bloss, a Democrat who advised the winning slate of Democrats and political independents who defeated the Republicans. "This is evidence of how far the Republican Party has drifted from the Connecticut mainstream."

Ben Proto, the chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party, rejects Bloss' assertion that the GOP is out-of-step with voters. Democrats "are losing towns across the state," he said, pointing to Republican pick-ups in Bristol, East Haddam, East Hampton,



Steven Kapsinow, of Guilford, stands outside Calvin Leete school on Tuesday, where a line of voters extended outside the gym.
MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

ton, Colebrook, Griswold and Brooklyn.

Local elections, such as the Guilford race, are often shaped by issues that can vary greatly from one

community to the next, Proto said. "Towns are unique to themselves," he said.

School board races in Connecticut are generally

low-key and apolitical. But this year, national issues — from animus over Donald Trump's 2020 loss to battles over masks, vaccines and the teaching of America's

history of racial segregation — are playing an outsized role.

Propelled by Republicans, the culture war over race and education is domi-

nating politics at every level this year, from the high-profile gubernatorial campaign in Virginia to traditionally quiet small-town elections in Connecticut.

In Guilford, five Republicans — Tim Chamberlain, Nick Cusano, Bill Maisano, Aly Passerelli and Danielle Scarpellino — ousted three traditional Republican school board members and two challengers in a September primary. The GOP candidates drew national media to Guilford; they appeared several times on Fox News.

But they were not able to beat the fusion ticket, made up of Democrats Arnold Skretta and Moira Rader as well as unaffiliated candidates Kristy Faulkner, Noel Petra and Jennifer Baldwin.

Democrats say concerns about critical race theory are a politically driven reaction to last summer's racial justice protests following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Republicans say efforts to expand the curriculum and bring in diverse perspectives make white students feel bad about themselves. In recent weeks, they have sought to reframe the debate as an infringement on parents' rights.

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Democrats and Republicans claimed key victories.

Ben Proto, chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party, said Tuesday that Democrats were "losing towns across the state," pointing to Republican victories in Bristol, East Haddam, East Hampton, Colebrook, Griswold, Brooklyn and Brookfield.

Democrats, meanwhile, touted results in other communities, including Guilford, Simsbury, Avon, Tolland and Roxbury.

"It's been a mixed bag," said Nancy DiNardo, chairwoman of the Connecticut Democratic Party, who noted successes turning

back candidates who ran for the school board of anti-critical race theory platforms.

The Stamford mayoral race, in which former baseball manager Bobby Valentine ran as an unaffiliated candidate against Democratic State Rep. Caroline Simmons, was too close to call as of 10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The race, which has drawn

national attention, spurred

high interest from voters,

with turnout approaching

city records for a municipal

election.

A mayoral race in

Danbury was also too close

to call, as of 10:30.

Stamford was one of four

large Connecticut cities that

voted for mayor Tuesday,

along with New Haven, New

Britain and Danbury. In New

Haven, Mayor Justin Elicker

appeared to have easily won a second term, while in New Britain, Mayor Erin Stewart sealed a historic fifth term, defeating challenger Bobby Sanchez.

Stewart, who ran for governor in 2018 and could seek state office again in the future, will become the longest-serving Republican mayor in New Britain's history.

In West Haven, incumbent Mayor Nancy Rossi, a Democrat, won by 24 total votes, according to the state Democratic Party. Democrats in West Haven were rocked recently by a corruption scandal involving Michael DiMassa, a state representative and administrative assistant to the West Haven City Council.

Meanwhile, West Hart-

ford voters rejected the newly revived A Connecticut Party, instead electing a Town Council composed of a Democratic majority and Republican minority. A Connecticut Party candidates branded themselves as representing a middle ground between Democrats and Republicans but were ultimately unable to find a foothold.

In several towns, including Guilford and Coventry, Republicans had attempted to rally voters by claiming local schools are teaching "critical race theory," a term that literally refers to an arcane legal and academic framework but that has become shorthand for all discussion of systemic racism.

That approach may

have backfired in Guilford, where a fusion ticket made up of Democrats and unaffiliated candidates defeated the Republicans who campaigned on the issue. Results in other communities, including New Canaan, where candidates also campaigned against the teaching of the history of racism in schools were still coming in late Tuesday.

Not only candidates were on the ballot Tuesday. In Coventry, voters appeared to approve spending \$325,000 to design and construct a new girls softball field, after advocates noted inequality between the facilities available to boys and girls.

Even as turnout appeared strong in certain major races, Gabe Rosen-

berg, general counsel and communications director for Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, cautioned against drawing wide conclusions from data in specific communities.

"There are 165 completely separate elections and some of them have a hotly contested mayors race and some of them have close to nothing on the ballot," Rosenberg said. But, "in the towns where there is something hotly contested, the turnout does seem to be pretty strong."

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Stamford mayor race goes down to wire

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

Former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine and Democratic state legislator Caroline Simmons remained locked in a tight race late Tuesday night after a bitter, personal campaign to lead Connecticut's second-largest and fastest-growing city.

The race was so close that the final count was being decided by absentee ballots, the campaigns said.

In a high-profile race with heavy media attention, the voter turnout was higher than the campaigns had expected. Depending on the final tallies, the turnout could become among the highest for a mayor's race in Stamford history, officials said.

The campaign turned into a generational battle between the 71-year-old Valentine and the 35-year-old Simmons with sharp exchanges in recent weeks. Valentine said that Simmons' supporters tried to paint him as "just another old white guy," and they also compared him to Donald Trump by saying that a Republican celebrity candidate had not worked out well in the past. A former Republican, Valentine ran as an unaffiliated candidate who gathered enough petition signatures to gain a spot on the ballot.

The clash was raised to another level recently when Valentine described Simmons, a Harvard graduate and state legislator, as "a 35-year-old girl" who could not "possibly relate to the diverse culture of Stamford, Connecticut, better than I do, no matter what the age is."

Simmons immediately countered with an email to her supporters that the comments were disrespectful but not unexpected from Valentine.



State Rep. Caroline Simmons, a Democrat, and former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine during their final debate in the race for Stamford's mayor.

MARY ALTAFFER/AP FILE

"His misogynistic comments are offensive to all women and girls in our city and we cannot stand for his demeaning remarks — whether it is to people who were not born here, people who can't afford to own here, or women pursuing their dreams here," Simmons said.

Gary Rose, a longtime politics professor at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, said Valentine's comments did not help him.

"I don't think it was a politically wise statement on his part," Rose said Tuesday night. "Gender politics — identity politics — is rampant in our society. ... Women do vote in higher percentages than men. This is a nationally recognized race. This isn't some little town council race."

Simmons had a clear advantage in voter registration in a city where Democrats have held the mayor's office for 22 of the past 26 years. The city has more than 34,000 registered Democrats and 14,617 Republicans.

But Valentine captured thousands of votes as the local hometown hero who traveled to California, Texas and Japan during his baseball career, but never permanently left Stamford. His name recognition is sky-high as voters recognize him for personal interactions or numerous television appearances.

By 5 p.m., the turnout of 23,674 voters, including absentee ballots, was already higher than the final total of the 2009 mayor's race that was won by Republi-

can Michael Pavia — with three more hours of voting remaining.

Voter turnout was strong Tuesday due to a combination of Valentine's high name recognition, Simmons' deep support among Democrats that provided a solid win in the primary, and widespread media attention in newspapers, radio, and the local cable television station, News 12.

The city was politically split in many ways as reflected by the police and teacher unions endorsing Valentine, while the firefighters' union endorsed Simmons. On the national level, Valentine received a campaign contribution from former President George W. Bush, while Simmons was endorsed by former President Barack Obama.

One of the key questions of the campaign was whether Valentine could convince enough voters that he could transition from being a highly successful restaurant owner to being mayor of a steadily growing and thriving city with an annual budget of more than \$600 million and more than 3,000 employees.

The battle turned into a clash between the "old Stamford" and the "new Stamford" with Valentine representing the old Stamford of longtime residents of his generation in their 60s, 70, and 80s who own their homes. Simmons, 35, represents the young generation that includes many renters who cannot afford the sky-high prices of buying a home in lower Fairfield County.

Valentine also said at a campaign event that "if you're not owning, you're not caring." The comments set off a pitched back-and-forth between the candidates regarding renters and homeowners. Valentine said the quote was taken out of context, and if he offended anyone, it was unintentional.

Valentine readily admitted that running as an unaffiliated candidate was difficult because he lacked the built-in advantages from getting volunteers and financial support from the major parties. Instead, he built his own network of volunteers and donors that allowed him to pull into the fundraising lead.

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WORLD & NATION

Ugandan kids lose hope amid school closures

Pandemic's 'outcasts' now facing a daily battle just 'to fit in'

By Rodney Muhumuza
Associated Press

BUSIA, Uganda — Dressed in his school uniform, Mathias Okwako jumped into the mud and started his daily search for gold, a commodity that may be closer to his grasp than another precious asset: an education.

His school in rural Uganda sits idle just across the road from the swamp where he and scores of children now work as informal miners. Weeds grow in some classrooms, where window frames have been looted for firewood. Another school nearby is renting out rooms to tenants.

Uganda's schools have been fully or partially shut for more than 77 weeks because of the pandemic, the longest disruption anywhere in the world, according to figures from the U.N. cultural agency.

And unlike many parts of the globe, where lessons moved online, most public schools, which serve the vast majority of children in this East African country, were unable to offer virtual schooling.

In the void left, some students got married. Some are dealing with unwanted pregnancies. Others, like Okwako, 17, found jobs.

The pandemic has manufactured "outcasts," a lost generation of learners now "in a battle of how to fit in," said Moses Mangeni, an official with the local government in Busia, where Okwako lives.

Efforts to control the spread of COVID-19 have disrupted the lives of children in every corner of the globe, squeezing their parents, complicating their care and often removing their safety nets. Perhaps most crucially, it has thrown their schooling into chaos.



Annet Aita, 16, uses toxic mercury to try to extract gold dust from sandy soil in Uganda. NICHOLAS BAMULANZEKI/AP

The result is the "biggest global education emergency of our time," according to the aid group Save the Children, which last month identified 48 countries, including Uganda, whose school systems are at extreme or high risk of collapse. Most are in sub-Saharan Africa, a region long marked by high dropout rates and a shortage of qualified teachers.

Some other parts of the world that saw protracted closures also struggled to teach students. Mexico, where internet connectivity is low in many places, opted for educational programming via television. Ultimately, the pandemic was devastating for children in Mexico, which saw millions leave school as well as increases in child homicides, teen pregnancies and domestic violence.

In Iraq, remote learning was similarly "limited and unequal," according to the World Bank.

Some wealthier countries fared better. In Kuwait, because most public schools weren't equipped to go online when the virus first struck, all schooling was suspended for seven months in 2020. But then the oil-rich Gulf Arab sheikhdom poured \$212 million into an e-learning platform, and all schools went online.

But in Uganda there is no success to speak of.

The country first shut its schools in March 2020, shortly after the first coronavirus case was confirmed in Africa. Some classes were reopened to students in February, but a total lockdown was imposed in June as the country faced its first major surge. It is now the only country in Africa where schools remain closed — though President Yoweri Museveni announced last week that they would reopen in January.

That comes as virus cases have tapered off in recent

months, with the country now recording an average of 70 new infections each day and a couple of deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University. Uganda has fully vaccinated about 700,000 of its 44 million people.

First lady Janet Museveni, who is the country's education minister, has rejected criticism that the government isn't doing enough to teach kids. In a speech in October, she asked "why our children cannot be safe at home. What happened to the family?"

The problem, some Ugandans say, is that the government hasn't found a successful way to keep up learning during lockdown. A suggested national program to broadcast lessons via free radio sets didn't materialize, and in rural areas many children don't have any learning materials.

In Busia, even before the pandemic, the sight of kids peddling goods in the streets

wasn't uncommon. Things have only become worse.

Many children who spoke to The Associated Press expressed hopelessness amid the protracted lockdown.

Okwako, who said he was wearing his school uniform while searching for gold because he had nothing else to put on, sought work out of boredom but regrets that the tiring days leave him little energy. "No time (for) reading books," he said. "If you try to open a book, you just go asleep, and sleep up to tomorrow."

At the informal gold mine, students toil alongside adults, including some of their teachers, under the scorching sun. Witnesses said the risks and frustrations of the precarious work have led to fistfights, and some children have broken limbs while digging.

A typical day can bring in just over \$2, enough for a child to buy a pair of used

shoes. Okwako is proud of the two pigs he bought with his earnings. Other children said they use the money help to look after their families, regularly buying salt or soap.

"We come here to make money," said 16-year-old Annet Aita, whose job is to wash the sandy soil in which gold dust is trapped, using highly toxic mercury.

But work also provides a refuge from other dangers that stalk those not in school. Aita said she felt more fortunate than some friends who "got pregnancies at home."

Teacher Francis Adungosi said he now works at the mine "from Monday to Monday" and warned that he will need a "refresher course" before going back to the classroom.

As for his students, "they are traumatized. Remember they are having a lot of challenges. Some of them are pregnant. Some have already got married. Handling those children is going to be so tasking."

That's for those who go back. Many say they won't.

Some of the children now say, "we don't recall what we read, so why should we go back?" said Gilbert Mugalanzi, of the group Somero Uganda, which carried out a survey to assess how the pandemic was affecting schoolchildren in parts of Busia.

At Okwako's Mawero Primary School, teacher Emmy Odillo said he expects a small fraction of the 400 students to return next year.

Others have similarly low expectations.

Bosco Masaba, the director of studies at Busia Central Primary School, the private school nearby that has been converted into rentals, said he regularly sees some students in the streets selling tomatoes or eggs. He heard that some girls became domestic workers in Kenya.

"Some, they have lost hope completely," Masaba said.

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At vigil, Hartford woman remembered as 'gentle soul'

By Zach Murdock
Hartford Courant

The Hartford woman gunned down inside her apartment last week was a "gentle soul" who was looking forward to meeting her first grandson when he is born in January, family members recalled during a small vigil Tuesday afternoon outside her Asylum Hill residence.

Now Catherine Elizabeth Hayes, 53, will never get to meet the next generation of her family, her family and local activists said, as the toll gun violence has taken on the capital city this year continues toward historic levels.

"She will never touch him, she will never hold him, he will never know her touch, he will never know her love because you've stolen that from us," Hayes' cousin Elaine Sachs said Tuesday. "Gun violence is an epidemic and it's all over the world. We need help, we need help from the police, we need help from our lawmakers. You have to join us because this is not going to stop until we come together."

Although few details have been revealed publicly about Hayes' death, her murder already sparked outcry because she is not her alleged shooter's only victim.

Hayes was shot and killed the afternoon of Oct. 25 inside her Spring Street apartment and police quickly developed a person of interest in 31-year-old Jose Cajigas — who is affiliated with the notorious local gang Los Solidos — and began to search for him.

Just hours later, an apparently intoxicated Cajigas approached a Hartford police officer sitting inside her marked police

cruiser about a mile from Hayes' apartment and opened fire, narrowly missing the officer.

Cajigas was captured moments later by other responding officers and was charged with attempted murder and related weapons offenses. He remains in custody in lieu of a more than \$2.5 million bond across several criminal cases.

Police Chief Jason Thody has said the shell casings found at the scene of the officer's shooting match one found in Hayes' apartment and, although Cajigas has not yet been charged formally with Hayes' murder, Thody indicated detectives plan to present that case to prosecutors and a judge soon now that he is in custody.

Originally from the Philadelphia area, Hayes moved to Connecticut about 10 years ago where much of the family still lives, including Sachs. Sachs, her sister and Hayes were inseparable "three musketeers" growing up and have stayed in touch even though they lived apart, with Sachs and Hayes even sharing text messages back and forth the week before her death.

"I need everyone to know that Catherine was a good person," Sachs said. "She was a gentle soul, she would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. Why this happened to her, I don't know, I don't understand, but like I said before, gun violence it's not going to stop until everybody pitches in. I know I'm not the only one who feels that."

Hayes' neighbors peered out their windows Tuesday afternoon into the courtyard where Sachs gathered.



ered for a short vigil with Rev. Henry Brown and several members of Mothers United Against Violence near a small memorial for Hayes at the apartment building's door.

Hayes was the 30th murder victim in Hartford so far in 2021 and on Monday 36-year-old Erick Rodriguez became the 31st — almost all of whom were killed by guns. Brown called on anyone in Hartford who knows about an incident of gun violence or knows someone who has a gun and might use it to come to community leaders or the police to share what they know and get help.

"I'm so sick right now because we have to meet families like this again," Brown said. "This is so sickening. I don't understand for the love of me how we can continue to let these things happen in our community ... You can save (your child's) life or you can save somebody else's child's life."

Hartford remains on pace to record one of its deadliest years in decades with two full months still left on the calendar — now just short of the recent highs of 32 murders in all of 2015 and 33 total murders in 2009.

Should killings continue, the total number of homicides in 2021 may be rivaled only by the late 80s and early 90s when homicides peaked nationwide and gang wars raged in Hartford and by 2003, when an arson at the Greenwood Health Center killed 16 in a single night.

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Vaccines begin in state for kids ages 5-11

By Alex Puttermann
Hartford Courant

COVID-19 vaccinations for children in Connecticut between 5 and 11 years old began Tuesday night, following a sign-off from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hartford HealthCare vaccinated six children in the newly eligible group at a press conference, inaugurating a rollout that will continue over the coming weeks.

The first child to get vaccinated against COVID-19 pumped his fists after getting the shot, confidently assuring the others that the vaccine didn't hurt.

"It's always an exciting moment to see a new

group become eligible," said Eric Arlia, Senior Director, System Pharmacy, at Hartford Healthcare. "It's always an exciting moment when the vaccine comes off the truck."

As of Tuesday, all Americans age 5 and older are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Kids between 5 and 11 will receive two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, each about a third of the size of the adult dose, spaced three weeks apart.

The state Department of Public Health recommends that parents or guardians visit ct.gov/covidvaccine to schedule vaccination for their children.

Parents can also reach out directly to their child's pediatrician, or to one of

the hospitals, pharmacies or clinics administering the vaccine, to make an appointment.

In a statement Tuesday night, Gov. Ned Lamont and the state's public health commissioner Dr. Manish Juthani encouraged families to get their children vaccinated.

"It is particularly significant that COVID-19 vaccines are available to children ages 5 to 11 because now nearly everyone will have access to this life-saving tool," Lamont said.

"Keeping students in school has been one of my biggest priorities, and having vaccines available for more kids is an important component of this effort."

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social, mental health and educational impact on youngsters, including widening disparities in learning.

"There are children in the second grade who have never experienced a normal school year," Walensky said. "Pediatric vaccination has

the power to help us change all of that."

In the U.S., there have been more than 8,300 hospitalizations of kids ages 5 to 11, according to government data.

The CDC has recorded 94 deaths in that age group.

While the U.S. has seen a recent downturn in COVID-19 cases, experts are worried about another uptick with holiday travel and as winter

sends more activity indoors where it's easier for the virus to spread.

Pfizer's kid shots contain a third of the vaccine dose that's already been used to vaccinate millions of people 12 and older. The 5- to 11-year-olds will receive two shots, three weeks apart, the same schedule as everyone else — but a smaller amount in each shot, using a smaller needle.

Betting

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be quickly following a similar pattern: Easily accessed from the New York City area."

GeoComply's data shows 38% of Connecticut's betting activity has originated from the southwestern corner of the state along the I-95 corridor, the company said. Heavy volume has been concentrated in Stamford and Bridgeport, and other highway entry points stretching north along the New York border also have been "hot spots," GeoComply said.

The data are the first bits of information to illus-

trate the success of online gambling in Connecticut, which launched Oct. 19.

Rich Roberts, president of Mohegan Digital, the iGaming division of Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment, said early online gambling performance has been "very encouraging," with MoheganSunCasino.com and its partner, FanDuel Sportsbook, bringing in new customers.

Foxwoods Resort Casino and the Connecticut Lottery Corp. did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

GeoComply says its software is installed on more than 400 million devices worldwide and analyzes

more than 3 billion transactions a year.

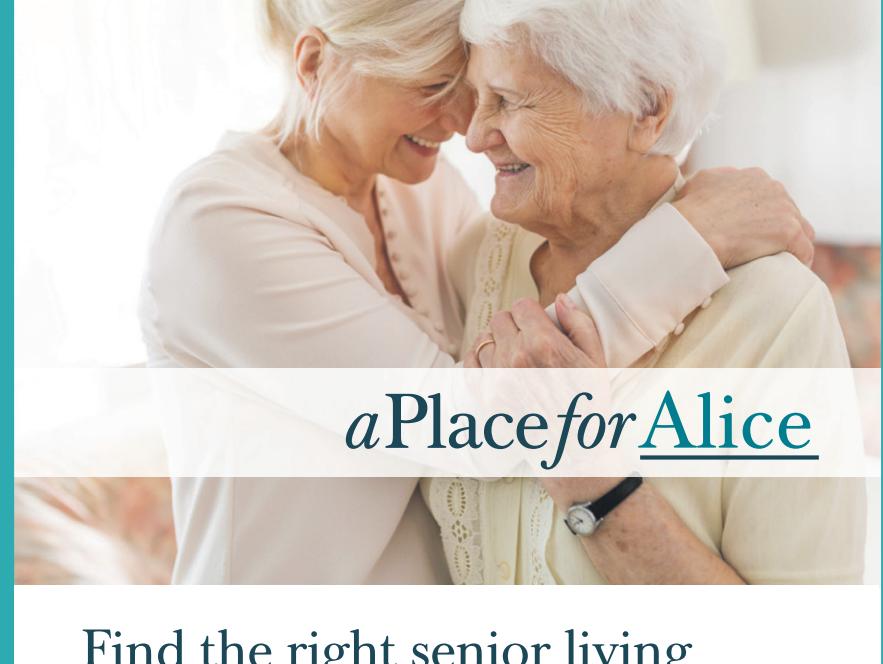
Its products incorporate location, device and identity intelligence, with advanced machine learning to detect and flag fraudulent activity.

Connecticut legalized sports betting and online casino gambling and lottery sales in May.

Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun opened sports betting sites in the casinos in September and casino games and lottery sales were launched on iPhones, computers and other devices last month.

The first of 15 retail betting sites opened last week in New Haven.

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Va. race shapes up as test for Biden

Democrats on edge as race for governor remains up in the air

By Will Weissert
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Associated Press

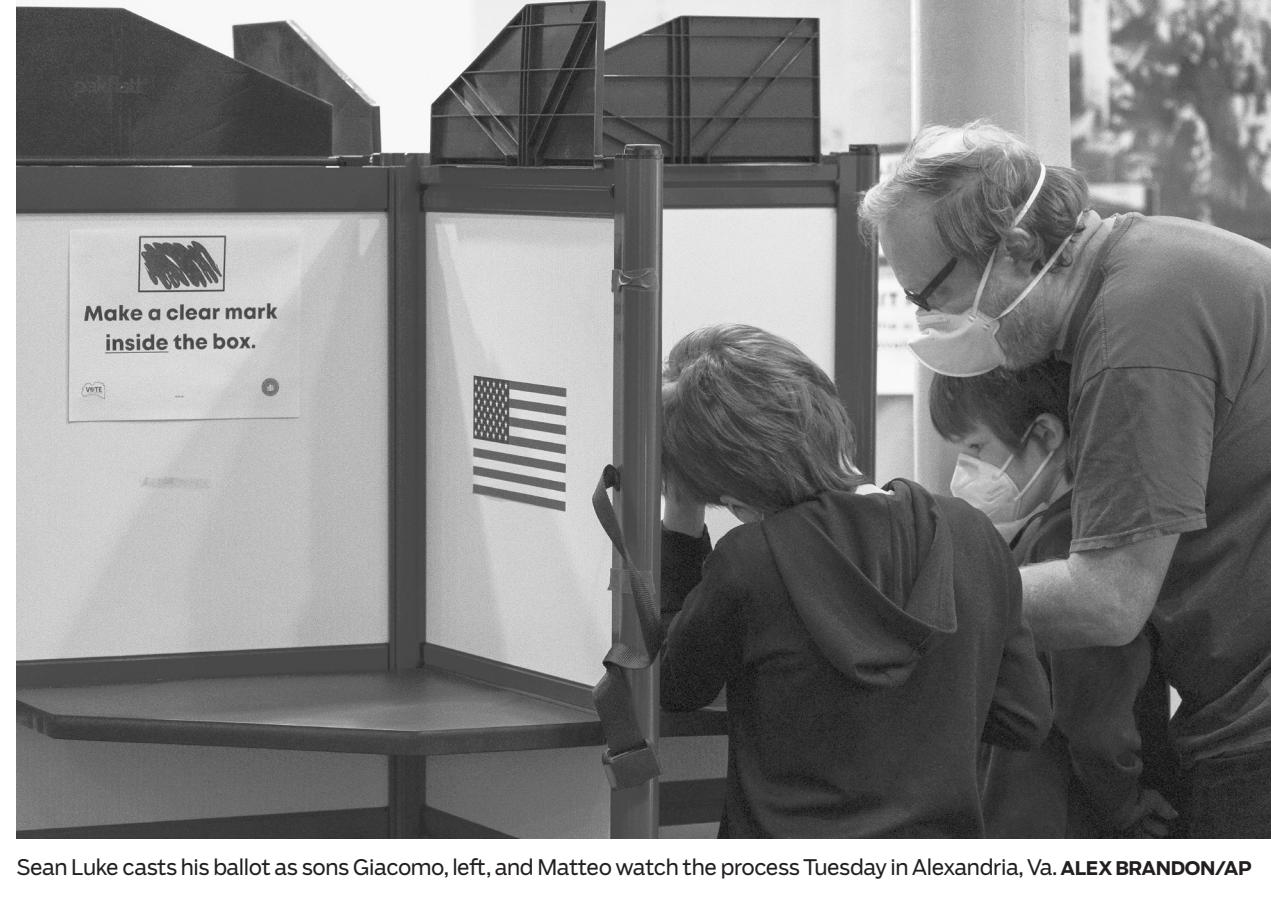
RICHMOND, Va. — Democrat Terry McAuliffe and Republican Glenn Youngkin were locked in a fierce battle for Virginia governor Tuesday night, the most closely watched contest in an off-year election that could prove a referendum on President Joe Biden's first year in office.

The race was too early to call, but Youngkin held an early lead.

The bruising campaign pitted McAuliffe, a prominent figure in Democratic politics and a former Virginia governor, against Youngkin, a political newcomer and former business executive. The two have spent months fighting about everything from Youngkin's ties to former President Donald Trump to abortion rights and culture war battles over schools.

But voters saw the economy as the top issue, followed by the coronavirus pandemic, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of statewide voters. Some 34% of Virginia voters ranked the economy as their No. 1 priority, compared to 17% saying COVID-19 and 14% choosing education. Those issues outranked health care, climate change, racism and abortion in the survey.

The final results, though, may ultimately be interpreted as an early judgment of Biden, who captured Virginia last year by a 10-point margin. The closeness of the governor's race



Sean Luke casts his ballot as sons Giacomo, left, and Matteo watch the process Tuesday in Alexandria, Va. ALEX BRANDON/AP

indicated just how much his party's political fortunes have changed in a short period.

The White House has been shaken in recent months by the chaotic withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan, a sometimes sluggish economic recovery amid the pandemic and a legislative agenda at risk of stalling on Capitol Hill.

A loss in a state that has trended toward Democrats for more than a decade would deepen the sense of alarm inside the party heading into next year's midterm elections, when control of Congress is at stake. But Biden expressed optimism going into the evening while acknowledging that "the

off-year is always unpredictable."

"I think we're going to win in Virginia," Biden said at a news conference in Scotland, where he was attending an international climate summit. "I don't believe — and I've not seen any evidence that — whether or not I am doing well or poorly, whether or not I've got my agenda passed or not, is gonna have any real impact on winning or losing."

Elsewhere Tuesday, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy was trying to win reelection against Republican former State Assembly member Jack Ciattarelli. The race was too close to call.

Polls showed Murphy got solid support for his handling of the COVID-19 outbreak, which hit New Jersey hard in early 2020 and resulted in the deaths of more than 25,000 people. About a third of those deaths occurred in nursing and veterans homes. But the state also excelled at getting people vaccinated and was quick to become one of the states with the highest percentages of eligible people to be fully vaccinated.

In New York City, Democrat Eric Adams has been elected mayor, defeating Republican Curtis Sliwa in a contest far easier than his next task: steering a

damaged city through its recovery from the pandemic.

Adams, a former New York City police captain, will become the second Black mayor of the nation's most populous city. David Dinkins, who served from 1990 to 1993, was the first.

Sliwa, who founded the Guardian Angels anti-crime patrol four decades ago, ran a campaign punctuated by his penchant for stunts and his signature red beret, part of the Guardian Angels uniform.

Adams, 61, will take office Jan. 1 in a city where more than 34,500 people have been killed by COVID-19, and where the economy is still beset by challenges

related to the pandemic.

Meanwhile, a ballot question in Minneapolis could reshape policing in that city, where the killing of George Floyd last year touched off sweeping demonstrations for racial justice across the nation.

Voters were deciding whether to replace the city's police department with a new Department of Public Safety.

Democratic Mayor Jacob Frey was also in a tough fight for a second term, facing a bevy of opponents who have attacked him for his leadership in the wake of Floyd's death. Frey opposed the policing amendment. Two of his leading challengers in the field of 17 candidates, Sheila Nezhad and Kate Knuth, supported the proposal.

Both Virginia candidates said the implications of the first major election since Biden moved into the White House would be felt well beyond their state.

At one of his final events of the campaign Monday, McAuliffe insisted "the stakes are huge."

Youngkin said the election would send a "statement that will be heard across this country."

In 2009, during President Barack Obama's first year in office, Republican Bob McDonnell's victory in Virginia previewed a disastrous midterm cycle for Democrats, who lost more than 60 House seats the following year.

But McAuliffe won the governorship in 2013, a year after Obama was reelected, marking the only time the state has picked a governor from the sitting president's party since 1976. He's trying to repeat that feat Tuesday.

Election officials find few snags amid restrictions

New practices seen as 'dress rehearsal' for the midterms

By Christina A. Cassidy
and Anthony Izaguirre
Associated Press

ATLANTA — After a year of dealing with false claims and death threats, election officials appeared on track Tuesday to deliver a relatively smooth Election Day.

There were few reports of voting or equipment problems, other than the sporadic power outage or polling places opening late that is not unusual for Election Day. It was too soon to gauge the effects of new voting restrictions in place in a few states.

In Georgia, Fulton County elections director Rick Barron said turnout had been "light but steady." Two county polling locations did not have all the equipment they needed when polls opened, but poll managers followed proper procedures and allowed voters to use emergency paper ballots until the equipment issues were resolved, Barron said.

Election officials said demonstrating secure, consistent and fair practices would help reassure those who still have doubts about

last year's presidential election as preparations begin for next year's midterms.

"It is a great dress rehearsal for 2022," Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon said.

Much of the attention was on Virginia and New Jersey, where voters were casting ballots for governor and other statewide races. In the rest of the country, voters were making selections on a variety of local races, ranging from mayor and city council to school board and bond measures. Voters in Maine, New York, Texas and a few other states were considering ballot initiatives on a wide array of topics.

For some, the voting experience differed from last year, when officials implemented pandemic-related changes to make it easier for voters to avoid crowded polling places. Some states have made those changes permanent, while others have rolled some of them back.

In Virginia, lawmakers last year expanded absentee voting permanently by no longer requiring an excuse. But a requirement for a witness signature on absentee ballots that was waived last year is back, and officials were contacting voters who had been turning in ballots

without them. Those voters have until Friday to fix the issue or their ballots will not be counted.

In a few states, voters encountered tighter voting rules because of laws enacted in states controlled politically by Republicans. Among them are Florida and Georgia, where voters faced new ID requirements for using mail ballots.

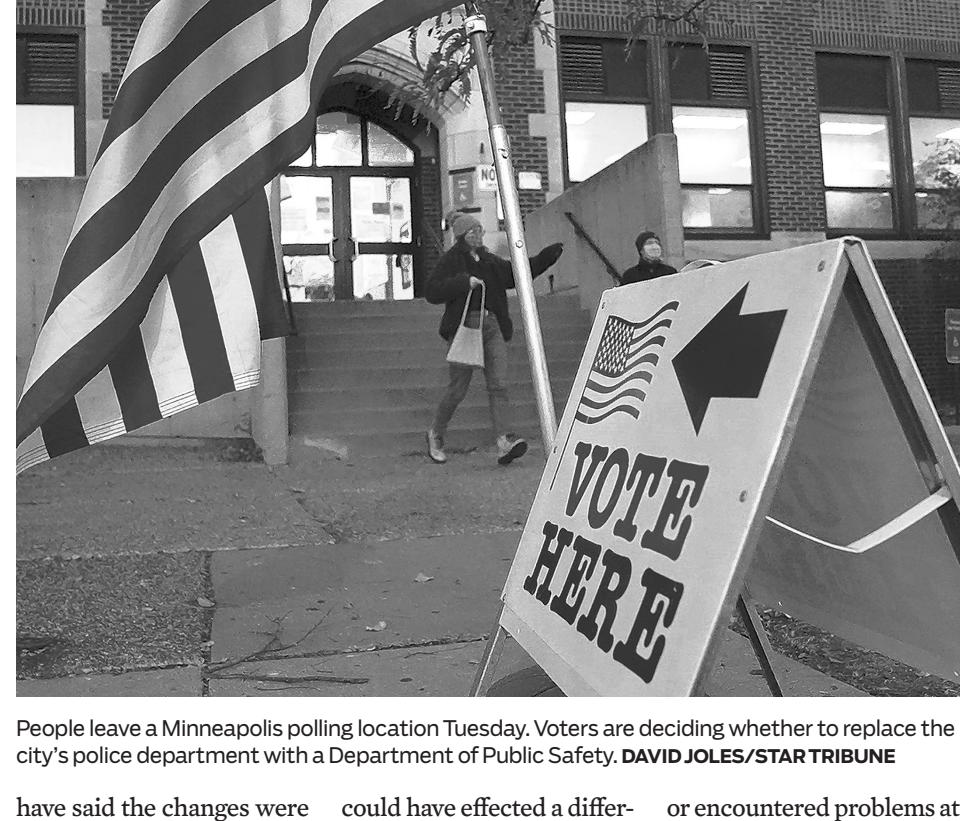
Election officials in Broward and Palm Beach counties in Florida, where a congressional special election was being held, said voting had been smooth so far. Neither reported problems linked to the state's new election law.

Georgia Republicans have an eye on Fulton County, a heavily Democratic county that includes most of Atlanta, for any voting problems that could justify a state takeover using a sweeping new election law.

Barron said the panel appointed to review the county's election operations as part of that process was on site Tuesday, but he said he didn't want his staff to feel extra pressure because of that.

"I told the staff to focus on us and not to worry about all these external things that happen," he said.

Republican lawmakers



People leave a Minneapolis polling location Tuesday. Voters are deciding whether to replace the city's police department with a Department of Public Safety. DAVID JOLES/STAR TRIBUNE

have said the changes were needed to improve security and public confidence after the 2020 presidential election. They acted as former President Donald Trump continued his false claims that the election was stolen despite no evidence of widespread fraud.

These claims were rejected by judges and election officials of both parties who certified the results and Trump's own attorney general, who said federal law enforcement had not seen fraud "on a scale that

could have effected a different outcome in the election."

The claims have also decreased public trust and faith in election officials, who have been the target of threats and harassment. Last week, election officials of both parties testified before Congress about the threats they and their families have received and called for more protections for election workers.

Various hotlines staffed by voting rights groups were available to assist voters who had questions

or encountered problems at the polls or with their mail ballots.

Damon Hewitt, whose group the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law leads the effort, said Tuesday's elections presented an important test.

"It's a test of voters to run the gauntlet, to figure out these new rules and restrictions," Hewitt said. "And frankly, it's also a test of our democracy: How strong can it be, and are we willing to tolerate these efforts to make it harder for people to vote?"

Facebook to delete 1B faceprints after ending facial recognition system

By Matt O'Brien
and Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Facebook said it will shut down its face-recognition system and delete the faceprints of over 1 billion people amid growing concerns about the technology and its misuse by governments, police and others.

"This change will represent one of the largest shifts in facial recognition usage in the technology's history,"

Jerome Pesenti, vice president of artificial intelligence for Facebook's new parent company, Meta, wrote in a blog post on Tuesday.

He said the company was trying to weigh the positive use cases for the technology "against growing societal concerns, especially as regulators have yet to provide clear rules."

Facebook didn't immediately respond to questions about how people could verify that their image data was deleted or what it would

be doing with the underlying technology.

More than a third of Facebook's daily active users have opted in to have their faces recognized by the social network's system. That's about 640 million people. But Facebook has begun scaling back use of facial recognition after more than 10 years in use.

The company in 2019 ended its practice of using face recognition software to identify users' friends in uploaded photos and auto-

matically suggesting they "tag" them. Facebook was also sued in Illinois over the tag suggestion feature.

The decision "is a good example of trying to make product decisions that are good for the user and the company," said Kristen Martin, a professor of technology ethics at the University of Notre Dame. She added that the move also demonstrates the power of public and regulatory pressure, since the face recognition system has been the

subject of harsh criticism for over a decade.

Meta Platforms Inc., Facebook's parent company, appears to be looking at new forms of identifying people. Pesenti said Tuesday's announcement involves a "company-wide move away from this kind of broad identification."

Researchers and privacy activists have spent years raising questions about the tech industry's use of face-scanning software, citing studies that found

it worked unevenly across boundaries of race, gender or age. One concern has been that the technology can incorrectly identify people with darker skin.

Another problem with face recognition is that to use it, companies have had to create unique faceprints of huge numbers of people — often without their consent and in ways that can be used to fuel systems that track people, said Nathan Wessler of the American Civil Liberties Union.

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Global leaders vow to protect forests

Experts note such promises made before and broken

**By Frank Jordans
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Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — World leaders promised to protect Earth's forests, cut methane emissions and help South Africa wean itself off coal at the U.N. climate summit Tuesday — part of a flurry of deals intended to avert catastrophic global warming.

Britain hailed the commitment by more than 100 countries to end deforestation in the coming decade as the first big achievement of the conference in the Scottish city of Glasgow, known as COP26 — but experts noted such promises have been made and broken before.

More than 120 world leaders were heading home after two days in which they received stark warnings about the state of the Earth from British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, naturalist David Attenborough, Queen Elizabeth II and — most powerfully — the people of countries and regions already facing climate upheaval.

Johnson said at a news conference that it was important to "guard against false hope," but added that he was "cautiously optimistic" about the outcome of the talks. The conference aims to keep the world on track to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius — 2.7 Fahrenheit — above pre-industrial levels as the goal set at the Paris climate conference six years ago.

President Joe Biden also sounded optimistic about the progress made at COP26 before boarding Air Force One to return to Washington.

"I can't think of any two days where more has been



India's Narendra Modi and Britain's Boris Johnson appear to share the same vision on climate Tuesday. JEFF J MITCHELL/GETTY

accomplished on climate than these two days," Biden said.

Johnson also had a message for negotiators from around the globe who will strain over the next 10 days to turn politicians' climate promises into reality: "The eyes of the populations of the world are on you."

The U.K. said it has received pledges from leaders representing more than 85% of the world's forests to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030. Among them are several countries with massive forests, including Brazil, China, Colombia, Congo, Indonesia, Russia and the United States.

More than \$19 billion in public and private funds have been pledged toward the plan.

Experts and observers said fulfilling the pledge will

be critical to limiting climate change, but many noted that such grand promises have been made before — to little effect.

"Signing the declaration is the easy part," U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Twitter. "It is essential that it is implemented now for people and planet."

Alison Hoare, a senior research fellow at political think tank Chatham House, said world leaders promised in 2014 to end deforestation by 2030, "but since then deforestation has accelerated across many countries."

Forests are important ecosystems and provide a critical way of absorbing carbon dioxide — the main greenhouse gas — from the atmosphere. But the value of wood as a commodity and the growing demand for agricultural and pastoral land are leading to widespread and often illegal felling of forests, particularly in developing countries. Indigenous peoples are often among the hardest hit.

"We are delighted to see Indigenous peoples mentioned in the forest deal announced today," said Joseph Itongwa Mukumo, an Indigenous Walikale and activist from Congo.

Luciana Tellez Chavez, an environmental researcher at Human Right Watch, said there were "quite a lot of really positive elements."

She said it was positive to see China and Brazil pledging to protect forests, but noted that Brazil's public statements don't yet line up with its domestic policies and warned that the deal could be used by some countries to "greenwash" their image.

Brazil's government has

been eager to project itself as a responsible environmental steward in the wake of surging deforestation and fires in the Amazon rainforest and Pantanal wetlands that sparked global outrage in recent years.

Critics caution that its promises should be viewed with skepticism, and the country's president, Jair Bolsonaro, is an outspoken proponent of developing the Amazon.

On Tuesday, the Biden administration launched a plan to reduce methane emissions, a potent greenhouse gas that contributes significantly to global warming. The announcement was part of a broader effort with the European Union and other nations to reduce overall methane emissions worldwide by 30% by 2030.

Separately, the U.S., Brit-

ain, France and Germany announced a plan to provide \$8.5 billion in loans and grants over five years to help South Africa phase out coal.

South Africa gets about 90% of its electricity from coal-fired plants, a major source of greenhouse gas emissions.

But campaigners say the world's biggest carbon emitters need to do much more.

Earth has already warmed 1.1 degrees Celsius (2°F). Current projections based on planned emissions cuts over the next decade are for it to hit 2.7°C (4.9°F) by the year 2100.

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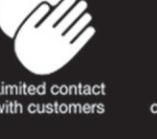
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Biden climate plan aims to cut methane emissions

By Matthew Daly

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration Tuesday launched a wide-ranging plan to reduce methane emissions, targeting a potent greenhouse gas that contributes significantly to global warming and packs a stronger short-term punch than even carbon dioxide.

The plan was announced as President Joe Biden wraps up a two-day appearance at a U.N. climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland. Biden pledged during the summit to work with the European Union and dozens of other nations to reduce overall methane emissions worldwide by 30% by 2030.

The centerpiece of U.S. actions is a long-awaited rule by the Environmental Protection Agency to tighten methane regulations for the oil and gas sector, as laid out in one of Biden's first executive orders.

The proposed rule would for the first time target reductions from existing oil and gas wells nationwide, rather than focus only on new wells as previous regulations have done.

"One of the most important things we can do in this decisive decade — to keep 1.5 degrees in reach — is reduce our meth-

ane emissions as quickly as possible," Biden said, referring to a global pledge to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius — 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit — above levels in the late 19th century.

Methane is "one of the most potent greenhouse gases there is," Biden said, adding that the new U.S. rules and the global pledge are "going to make a huge difference," not only in fighting climate change, but to improve health and reduce asthma and other respiratory problems.

Reducing methane leaks, "capturing methane to turn it into new revenue streams," will save companies money and create "good-paying union jobs for our workers," Biden said.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan said the new rule, established under the Clean Air Act, would lead to significant reductions in methane emissions and other pollutants and would be stricter than a 2016 standard set under President Barack Obama. Congress reinstated the Obama-era standard last summer in a rare effort by majority Democrats to use the legislative branch to overturn a regulatory rollback under President Donald Trump.

The EPA's "historic action" will "ensure robust and lasting cuts in pollution across

the country," Regan said, adding the new rule will protect communities near oil and natural gas sites and advance U.S. climate goals under the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Once finalized, the proposed requirements would reduce methane emissions from U.S. drilling operations and equipment by approximately 75% by 2030, compared with 2005, the White House said.

The oil and natural gas industry is the nation's largest industrial source of methane, a highly potent pollutant that is responsible for about one-third of current warming from human activities.

The oil and gas sector also is a leading source of other harmful air pollutants, including volatile organic compounds that contribute to ground-level ozone, or smog, and air toxins such as benzene that are emitted along with methane.

Environmental groups call methane reduction the fastest and most cost-effective action to slow the rate of global warming. Current rules for methane emissions from U.S. oil and gas wells only apply to sources that were built or modified after 2015, leaving more than 90% of the nation's nearly 900,000 well sites unregulated. Many of those sites are smaller, low-producing wells.

Tesla recalls 11,700 EVs after glitch in software

By Tom Krisher

Associated Press

DETROIT — Tesla has issued a recall that automatically sent a software update fixing a safety problem in its electric vehicles, apparently heading off a looming confrontation with U.S. safety regulators.

But recall documents posted on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website Tuesday don't address another safety issue specified by the agency when it demanded that Tesla explain why it wasn't doing recalls for safety-related software updates done over the internet.

The recall covers 11,704 Teslas with a glitch in the "Full Self-Driving" software that can make the cars stop for no reason. The company's paperwork says the problems with automatic emergency braking can increase the risk of other vehicles hitting Teslas from behind.

A public recall allows owners to ensure repairs are done and that people buying cars know of potential safety problems.

The recall covers all four Tesla models — the S, X, 3 and Y. Tesla documents say a software update sent Oct. 23 introduced the glitch.

On Oct. 12, regulators sent a letter to Tesla demanding to know why the company didn't recall its vehicles when it sent a software update to fix a problem with its Autopilot partially automated driving system. The update addressed detection of emergency vehicles parked on roads while crews responded to crashes.

The NHTSA opened an investigation of Autopilot in August after getting reports of a dozen crashes into emergency vehicles. The investigation covers 765,000 vehicles. Of the dozen crashes that are part of the probe, 17 people were injured and one was killed.

The NHTSA had not posted any documents detailing Tesla's response.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Nuro gets \$600M to fund expansion

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Electric vehicle maker Nuro said Tuesday that it had secured \$600 million in funding from Google, Kroger and others to continue the development of its autonomous delivery vehicle service.

The Silicon Valley robotics company has made thousands of grocery deliveries with Kroger as a part of a 2018 partnership.

"Demand for local deliveries is exploding," said Griffin Schroeder, partner at Tiger Global, which led the new round of financing. "Nuro is the bridge to an era of sustainable, low cost, autonomous local delivery."

Nuro also signed a five-year strategic partnership with Google Cloud to support the ongoing development of the zero-occupant, autonomous delivery vehicles and said it will explore opportunities with the tech giant.

DOJ files suit to stop book merger

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is suing to block a \$2.2 billion book publishing deal that would have reshaped the industry, saying consolidation would hurt authors and, ultimately, readers.

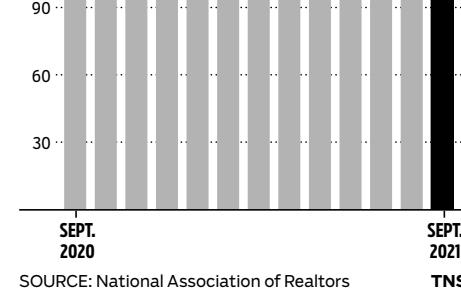
German media giant Bertelsmann's Penguin Random House, already the largest U.S. publisher, wants to buy New York-based Simon & Schuster from TV and film company ViacomCBS.

The DOJ filed an antitrust suit Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

The purchase of Simon & Schuster would reduce the so-called Big Five, which dominate American publishing and include HarperCollins, Hachette Book Group and Macmillan, to four.

Pending home sales

The Pending Home Sales Index, a measure of housing contract activity, fell 2.3 percent to 116.7 in September 2021.



Yahoo exits China, cites 'challenging' issues

By Zen Soo

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Yahoo Inc. said Tuesday that it has pulled out of China, citing an increasingly challenging operating environment.

The withdrawal was largely symbolic, as many of the company's services were already blocked by China's digital censorship. But recent government moves to expand its control over tech companies generally, including its domestic giants, may have tipped the scales for Yahoo.

"In recognition of the increasingly challenging business and legal environment in China, Yahoo's suite of services will no longer be accessible from mainland China

as of Nov. 1," the company said in a statement. It said it "remains committed to the rights of our users and a free and open internet."

The company's move comes as the American and Chinese governments feud over technology and trade. The U.S. has put restrictions on telecom giant Huawei and other Chinese tech companies, alleging that they have ties with China's government, military or both.

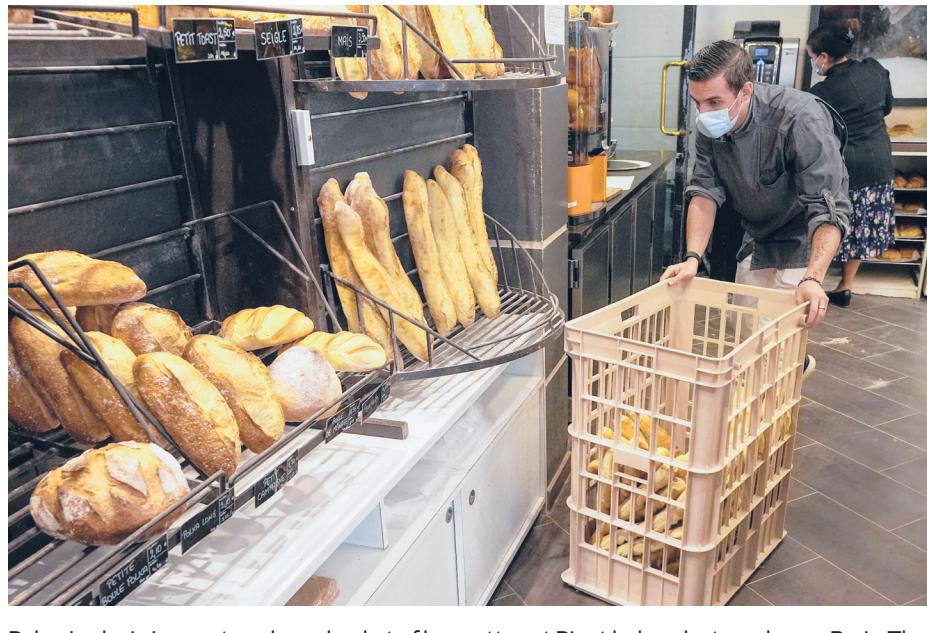
China says the U.S. is unfairly suppressing competition and trying to block China's technological rise.

Yahoo is the latest foreign tech company to exit China. Google gave up several years ago, and Microsoft's professional networking platform LinkedIn said last month it

would shutter its Chinese site, replacing it with a jobs board instead. The departures illustrate the choices internet companies face in a huge potential market, but one where the government requires them to censor content and keywords deemed politically sensitive or inappropriate.

In their place, Chinese companies have filled the void, creating an alternative internet with its own digital giants. The Baidu search engine has replaced Yahoo and Google in China, and WeChat and Weibo are the leading social media platforms.

Yahoo's departure coincided with the implementation of China's Personal Information Protection Law, which limits what information companies can gather and sets standards for how it must be stored.

BUSINESS

Baker Ludovic Laurent pushes a basket of baguettes at Bigot bakery last week near Paris. The French are expressing worries over the price of the country's iconic bread. MICHEL EULER/AP

Rising baguette price fears putting French in a crunch

By Thomas Adamson

Associated Press

PARIS — A hike in the cost of wheat is alarming French households who fear a possible rise in the price of the prized baguette, seen by many as a barometer of the country's economic health.

Many boulangeries around France are putting up signs, warning customers that the long, crunchy staple could be going up in price by 4 to 6 cents, from its average of just over \$1.

"Although that might not seem like a lot, it's a huge increase. The baguette is precious. It has only gone up 23 centimes (about 28 cents) in the last 20 years," said Dominique Anract, president of the French Confederation of Bakeries and Pastry Shops.

The bread industry crunch has been linked to a 30% worldwide increase since September in the price of wheat — one of the baguette's key ingredients — after bad harvests in Russia, Anract said. Rising energy prices that are making ovens more expensive to operate are also a factor,

Anract and other experts say, with businesses and consumers worldwide already feeling the heat of higher prices from supply chain and labor constraints.

France's 67 million people are voracious consumers of the baguette. The country's "Bread Observatory" — a venerable institution that closely follows the fortunes of the famed 26-inch loaf — notes that the French munch through 320 baguettes every second. That's an average of half a baguette per person per day and more than 10 billion a year.

"Even 3 centimes (4 cents) higher is dire when played out nationwide," Anract said. "The baguette is our emblem, our symbol, the thermometer of our economy."

Calling it "depressing news," 43-year-old engineer Franck Nguyen said "the baguette is an institution in France. If the price goes up by too much, there will be big opposition."

Although the baguette seems like the quintessential French product, it was said to have been invented by Vienna-born baker

August Zang in 1839. Zang put in place France's steam oven, making it possible to produce bread with a brittle crust yet fluffy interior.

The product's zenith did not come until the 1920s, with the advent of a French law preventing bakers from working before 4 a.m. The baguette's long, thin shape meant it could be made quickly, so it was the sole bread bakers could produce in time for breakfast.

Baguettes are such serious business that bread observers say bakers around France are willing to sacrifice other bread products to maintain the price of the baguette, by spreading around extra costs.

That worries 24-year-old student Sandrine Boyer. She said she spends most of her bakery money on products other than baguettes and hopes "that the price of the breads in general will not go up as well."

Anract was sanguine about the immediate future.

"In the Revolution, there was a penury of bread, there was not enough of it," he said. "It wasn't about the price of bread. We're not at that stage yet!"

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

DOW
36,052.63 +138.79

10-YR T-BOND
1.54% -.03

GOLD
\$1,788.70 -6.40



Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 36,052.63

Change: 138.79 (0.4%)

Commodities

FUELS

Crude Oil (bbl) 83.91 84.05 +72.94%

Natural Gas (mm btu) 5.54 5.19 +118.27%

Unleaded Gas (gal) 2.45 2.41 +72.08%

METALS

Gold (oz) 1,788.70 1,795.10 -5.51%

Silver (oz) 23.50 24.06 -10.75%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

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Nikkei 29,520.90 -126.18 -.43% +7.57%

Stocks of Local Interest

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Adv Micro Dev (AMD) 127.63 +2.40 +39.2

Amphenol Corp (APH) 77.84 +.88 +1.0

Apple Inc (AAPL) 150.02 +1.06 +13.1

Artelo Biosciences (ARTL) 1.00 +.13 +37.0

Avangrid Inc (AGR) 52.62 +.04 +15.8

AvisBudget Group (CAR) 357.17 +185.71 +857.6

Bank of America (BAC) 47.88 +.03 +58.0

Biosheng Media Grp (BAOS) 1.90 +.33 -75.2

Barnes Group (B) 40.75 -.89 -19.6

Bed Bath & Beyond (BBBY) 16.75 +1.47 +1.0

Bionano Genomics Inc (BNGO) 6.08 +.68 +97.4

Booking Holdings (BKNG) 2453.83 -35.86 +10.2

Brist Myr Sqb (BMY) 58.63 -.05 -5.5

CVS Health Corp (CVS) 91.15 +.50 +33.5

Carlitz Inc (LOTZ) 3.93 -.03 -64.9

Carrier Global Corp (CARR) 52.40 +.23 +38.9

Pain Therapeutics (SAVA) 58.07 +11.96 +751.5

Charter Communc (CHTR) 681.50 +10.13 +3.0

Check-Cap Ltd (CHEK) 1.11 +.18 +141.3

Chegg Inc (CHGG) 32.12 -30.64 -64.4

Cigna Corp (CI) 214.71 -1.42 +3.1

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How a mistake by YouTube shows its power over media

By Adam Satariano
The New York Times

LONDON — The email subject line that arrived on a recent morning carried some of the worst information a small online news outlet can receive: "Novara Media we have removed your channel from YouTube."

Novara had spent years using YouTube to attract more than 170,000 subscribers for its left-leaning coverage of issues such as climate change, capitalism and social policy. Suddenly, and without warning, that powerful distribution tool was zapped.

"We had this ambient awareness of our dependence on these Big Tech platforms," Ash Sarkar, a contributing editor, said in an interview at Novara's one-room office inside a converted factory. "But there's nothing like having your livelihood snatched away from you to make you feel really disempowered."

But the rules are opaque and sometimes arbitrarily or mistakenly enforced. Policy experts say Novara's experience is indicative of thorny free speech issues YouTube faces as the world's largest online video service.

The gatekeeper role leads to criticism from multiple directions. Many on the right of the political spectrum in the United States and Europe say YouTube unfairly blocks them. Some civil society groups say YouTube should do more to stop the spread of illicit content and misinformation.

Sometimes that leaves



Inside the offices of Novara Media on Oct. 27 in London. The news group recently had its YouTube channel removed without warning. ANDREW TESTA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

organizations such as Novara in the middle.

After an outcry online, YouTube restored Novara's channel in a few hours, saying that it had been removed in error.

But other independent journalists, activists and creators on YouTube often don't have similar success, particularly in countries such as Belarus, Russia and Turkey, where YouTube is under pressure from authorities to remove opposition content and where the company does not have as much language or cultural expertise.

Roughly 500 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute globally. "It's impossible to get our minds around what it means to try and govern that kind of volume of content," said Evelyn Douek, senior research fellow at the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University in New York.

"YouTube is a juggernaut, by some metrics as big or bigger than Facebook."

In its email, YouTube said Novara was guilty of "repeated violations" of YouTube's community

guidelines, without elaborating. Novara's staff was left guessing what had caused the problem.

YouTube typically has a three-strikes policy before deleting a channel. It had penalized Novara only once before, after a news segment with scenes from an anti-vaccination rally, and YouTube later reversed that decision. Novara's last show released before the deletion was about sewage policy. And one of the organization's few previous interactions with YouTube was when the video service sent Novara a silver plaque for reaching 100,000 subscribers.

Angry and frustrated, Novara posted a statement on Twitter and other social media services about the deletion. The post drew attention in the British press and from members of Parliament.

Within hours, Novara's channel had been restored. Later, YouTube said Novara had been mistakenly flagged as spam, without providing further detail.

"On occasion we make the wrong call," YouTube said in a statement.

WORLD & NATION

Prison staffers quit over virus fears

COVID-19 presents new challenge for already difficult job

The Marshall Project and Associated Press

At a Georgia state House of Representatives hearing on prison conditions in September, a corrections officer called in to testify, interrupting his shift to tell lawmakers how dire conditions had become.

On a "good day," he told lawmakers, he had maybe six or seven officers to supervise roughly 1,200 people. He said he had recently been assigned to look after 400 prisoners by himself. There weren't enough nurses to provide medical care.

"All the officers absolutely despise working there," said the officer, who didn't give his name for fear of retaliation.

In Texas, Lance Lowry quit after 20 years as a corrections officer to become a long-haul trucker because he couldn't bear the job any longer. Watching friends and coworkers die from COVID-19, along with dwindling support from his superiors, wore on him.

"I would have liked to stay till I was 50," said Lowry, 48. "But the pandemic changed that."

Staff shortages have long been a challenge for prison agencies, given the low pay and grueling nature of the work. But the pandemic — and its impact on the labor market — has pushed many corrections systems into crisis. Officers are retiring and quitting in droves, while officials struggle to recruit new employees. And some prisons where populations dropped during the crisis have seen their numbers rise again, exacerbating the problem.

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After spending 20 years as a corrections officer, Lance Lowry changed careers to become a long-haul trucker. MICHAEL WYKE/AP

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Unions representing prison officers in states including Massachusetts and California and at the federal level also claim vaccine mandates will drive out unvaccinated employees and exacerbate understaffing.

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Employers from construction companies to restaurants are having difficulty hiring and keeping people. Nearly 3% of American workers, 4.3 million, quit their jobs in August, according to new data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

But the stakes are higher in prisons, where having fewer guards means significantly more dangerous conditions for incarcerated people. And for the officers left behind, worsening shortages have made an already difficult job unbearable, many say.

In Georgia, some prisons report up to 70% vacancy rates. In Nebraska, overtime hours have quadrupled since 2010, as fewer officers are forced to work longer hours. Florida has temporarily closed three prisons out of more than 140 because of understaffing, and vacancy rates have nearly doubled there in the last year. And at federal prisons across the country, guards are picketing in front of their facilities over understaffing, while everyone from prison teachers to dentists is pulled in to cover security shifts.

The federal Bureau of Prisons says about 93% of its front-line guard positions are filled, with little more than 1,000 vacancies, though workers in many prisons say they're feeling the pinch as others are conscripted to fill in for missing officers.

Asked last week in a U.S. Senate hearing about federal prison staffing, Attorney General Merrick Garland said, "I agree this is a serious problem at the Bureau of Prisons." Garland told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco was working with the bureau to address staffing issues.

Inside prisons, growing shortages mean a rise in lockdowns. Restrictions that might have begun as a way to stop the spread of COVID-19 have continued because there aren't enough guards to supervise activities. Some incarcerated people say they can't take classes, participate in group therapy sessions or even work out in the recreation yard or take a shower.

That can force those in general population into de facto solitary confinement, and those already in segregation into near-total lockdown.

"If we get rec once a week, that's a good week," said Anthony Haynes, who is on Texas' death row in a unit that's barely half-staffed. "We don't always get showers."

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice did not respond to Haynes' claims but acknowledged staffing is a challenge in Texas' prisons.

"Before COVID-19, staffing was frequently impacted by economic surges and competing employment opportunities," said spokesman Robert Hurst in an email. "The pandemic has exacerbated these issues. We also recognize that the job of the correctional officer is one of the most difficult in all of state government." He added that Texas has closed six of its more than 100 facilities in the last year due to staffing problems.

Kansas has cut job training and reduced supervision for people after they're released. Two-thirds of the men in Nebraska's prisons can't see visitors on the weekends — when most families are free to travel — because of understaffing.

Dr. Homer Venters, a former chief medical officer for the jail system in New York City, inspects conditions in prisons around the country for court cases. Understaffing will lead to an increase in preventable prison deaths, he said, as the quality of care reaches new lows.

"Things are much worse behind bars now than they have been for a long time," Venters said. "There are so many staff that have left. That means that basic clinical services ... just isn't happening the way it was even five years ago."

By Keri Blakinger, Jamiles Lartey, Beth Schwartzapfel, Christie Thompson and Tom Meagher of The Marshall Project and Michael R. Sisak and Michael Balsamo of the AP.

NEWS BRIEFING

Second look at autopsy rejects La. police claim in Black man's death

From news services

NEW ORLEANS — A reexamined autopsy ordered by the FBI in the deadly 2019 arrest of Ronald Greene has rejected the Louisiana State Police claim that a car crash caused his fatal injuries, narrowing prosecutors' focus on the troopers seen on body camera video beating, stunning and dragging the Black motorist.

The unusual second look at what killed Greene confirmed what his family suspected the moment they saw his bruised and battered corpse and his car with only slight damage: A minor crash at the end of a high-speed chase had nothing to do with his death.

The FBI this week received the new forensic review it commissioned in light of the long-buried body camera footage, vehicle black box data and other evidence the state police withheld from Greene's original autopsy. The review, which did not involve another examination of the body, attributes Greene's death to a series of factors, including troopers striking the 49-year-old in the head, restraining him at length and his use of cocaine.

The new review notably removes the crash and "agitated delirium" from the list of causes in Greene's original autopsy, according to a person familiar with the findings who wasn't authorized to discuss the federal inquiry and spoke to Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

It also addresses a key unanswered question from the original autopsy, whether the crash that didn't deploy the air bag in Greene's car was severe enough to cause a fractured breastbone and ruptured aorta. The new review determined those injuries were most likely the result

of CPR and other life-saving efforts by first responders, the person familiar with the findings said.

Still unclear was whether the new autopsy would prompt the Union Parish coroner to change the manner of Greene's death from accidental to homicide, which could affect the charges available to state and federal prosecutors.

Greene's mother, Mona Hardin, said she hopes the new report brings the case closer to justice "so I can put my son to rest," adding that she has yet to bury his cremated remains. "This thing has been so crazy. No one has properly grieved."

The new autopsy report comes as federal prosecutors are in the final stages of a two-year civil rights investigation that began looking into Greene's death but has since expanded to examine the beatings of several other Black motorists, and whether top brass obstructed justice to shield troopers from possible prosecution.

Chef Batali trial: Celebrity chef Mario Batali's trial on sexual misconduct charge in Boston has been scheduled. The trial will take place April 11 in Boston Municipal Court, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins' office said Tuesday after a hearing.

Batali pleaded not guilty to indecent assault and battery on allegations that he forcibly kissed and groped a woman after taking a selfie with her at a Boston restaurant in 2017. His lawyers didn't respond to an email seeking comment Tuesday but have previously said the charge filed in 2019 is "without merit."

After four women accused him of inappropriate touching in 2017, Batali stepped down from day-to-day operations at his restaur-

ant empire and left the since-discontinued ABC cooking show "The Chew."

Afghanistan blast: Islamic State militants set off an explosion at the entrance to a military hospital in the Afghan capital on Tuesday, killing at least seven people, a senior Taliban official said. It was one of the most brazen IS attacks yet since the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in the summer.

Among those killed were three women, a child, and three Taliban guards, said Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. Five attackers were also killed, he said, adding that Taliban guards prevented them from getting into the hospital. He said the attack was over within 15 minutes.

"No one was killed inside the hospital," the spokesman said. He said Taliban guards thwarted IS plans to target medical staff and patients.

Health officials said 16 people were wounded in the attack on the Sardar Mohammad Dawood Khan

hospital in Kabul. Mujahid said five Taliban fighters were among the wounded.

Bulgaria migrant influx: Bulgaria is deploying 350 troops and 40 army vehicles along its southern border with Turkey to help border police deal with a growing migrant influx, the Defense Ministry said Tuesday.

The troops will conduct joint patrols along the 161-mile border with Turkey. They also will repair the partly damaged barbed-wire fence that was erected five years ago to prevent migrants, mainly from Syria, from illegally crossing the border from Turkey into the European Union nation.

This year has seen a three-fold increase of the number of detained illegal migrants compared to the same period last year, according to Interior Ministry data.

Poland abortion law: A Polish hospital said Tuesday that doctors and midwives did everything they could to

save the lives of a pregnant woman and her fetus in a case that has put the spotlight on a new restriction on Poland's abortion law.

The 30-year-old woman died of septic shock in her 22nd week of pregnancy. Doctors did not perform an abortion, even though her fetus was lacking amniotic fluid, according to a lawyer for the family.

Reproductive rights activists say she is the first person to die as a result of a recent restriction of Poland's abortion law. Some who supported the new abortion restriction said there is no certainty that it led to the woman's death and accused women's rights activists of exploiting the situation.

The woman, identified only as Izabela, died in September but her case was only made public Friday, triggering protests in Warsaw, Krakow and elsewhere Monday.

Before the new restriction, women in Poland could have abortions only in three cases: if the preg-

nancy results from a crime like rape; if the woman's life is at risk; or in the case of severe fetal deformities.

Mexico violence: Police found the bullet-ridden bodies of 11 men in the western state of Michoacan, where several drug cartels have been waging bloody turf battles.

State prosecutors said late Monday the bodies were found near the town of Tarcuato, in the northern part of Michoacan near the border with the state of Jalisco.

Prosecutors said the murders appear to have occurred late Monday. Investigators found a truck and three motorcycles at the scene, but did not immediately identify the dead men.

Jalisco state is home to the drug cartel of the same name, which has been trying to expand its territory in Michoacan. Local gangs in Michoacan have been fighting off the incursions for several years. Michoacan is one of Mexico's half-dozen most violent states.



All Souls Day: Pope Francis holds roses as he presides over a ceremony during All Souls Day on Tuesday at French Military Cemetery in Rome. Celebrated on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 on the Catholic holy days of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, respectively, the Day of the Dead has nothing to do with Halloween. Instead, it honors loved ones who have died. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/AP

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Chef Batali trial: Celebrity chef Mario Batali's trial on sexual misconduct charge in Boston has been scheduled. The trial will take place April 11 in Boston Municipal Court, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins' office said Tuesday after a hearing.

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After four women accused him of inappropriate touching in 2017, Batali stepped down from day-to-day operations at his restaur-

ant empire and left the since-discontinued ABC cooking show "The Chew."

Bulgaria migrant influx: Bulgaria is deploying 350 troops and 40 army vehicles along its southern border with Turkey to help border police deal with a growing migrant influx, the Defense Ministry said Tuesday.

The troops will conduct joint patrols along the 161-mile border with Turkey. They also will repair the partly damaged barbed-wire fence that was erected five years ago to prevent migrants, mainly from Syria, from illegally crossing the border from Turkey into the European Union nation.

This year has seen a three-fold increase of the number of detained illegal migrants compared to the same period last year, according to Interior Ministry data.

Poland abortion law: A Polish hospital said Tuesday that doctors and midwives did everything they could to

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People, homes vanish in census count

New method adds mistakes in order to protect privacy

By Mike Schneider

Associated Press

The three-bedroom colonial-style house where Jessica Stephenson has lived in Milwaukee for the last six years bustles with activity on any given weekday, filled with the chattering of children in the day care center she runs out of her home.

The U.S. Census Bureau says no one lives there.

"They should come and see it for themselves," Stephenson said.

From her majority-Black neighborhood in Wisconsin to a community of Hasidic Jews in New York's Catskill Mountains to a park outside Tampa, Florida, a method used by the Census Bureau for the first time to protect confidentiality in the 2020 census has made people and occupied homes vanish — at least on paper.

It's a new statistical method the bureau is using called differential privacy, which involves the intentional addition of errors to data to obscure the identity of any given participant.

Bureau officials say it's necessary to protect privacy in a time of increasingly sophisticated data mining, as technological innovations magnify the threat of people being "reidentified" through the use of computers to match census information with other public databases. By law, census answers are to be confidential.

But some city officials and demographers think it veers too far from reality — and could cause errors in the data used for drawing political districts and distributing federal funds.

At least one analysis suggests that differential privacy could penalize minority communities by undercounting areas that are racially and ethnically mixed. Harvard Univer-



A neighborhood in Milwaukee, which is one of several places to see homes vanish under a new census method. MORRY GASH/AP

sity researchers found that the method made it more difficult to create political districts of equal population and could result in fewer majority-minority districts.

The Census Bureau, for its part, argues that the data is as good as in past censuses and that the low-level inaccuracies don't present a large-scale problem.

What's certain is that the method can produce weird, contradictory and false results at the smallest geographic levels, such as neighborhood blocks.

For example, the official 2020 census results say 54 people live in Stephenson's census block in midtown Milwaukee, but also that there are no occupied homes. In reality almost two dozen houses occupy the car-lined streets, some dating back more than a century. Forty-eight of the residents living in the block are Black, according to the census, though it's difficult to know for sure, given

the whimsy of differential privacy.

In another case, the census lists no people living in the Flatwoods Conservation Park outside Tampa, even though it says there is a home occupied by people. According to Hillsborough County spokesman Todd Pratt, two county employees live there while maintaining security for the park.

And in an enclave of Hasidic Jews in Kiamasha Lake, New York, 81 people are recorded as residents, but the census officially says there are no occupied homes. Sullivan County property records show almost a dozen homes whose residents have ties to the Vizhnitzer Hasidic community.

The unreliable data has created headaches for city managers and planners of small communities who worry it may not be valid for decision-making. Eric Guthrie, a senior demographer at the Minnesota State Demo-

graphic Center, said he has been contacted by six city managers from around the state who were concerned about potential impacts to state and federal funding.

"I explain to them there's not a method for correcting it, that it's not an error in the traditional sense," Guthrie said. "The bug is there by design."

The scale of the changes become clearer when viewed through a broader lens. For Florida, the nation's third most populous state with more than 21 million residents, the 2020 census listed 15,000 neighborhood blocks as having a total of 200,000 residents but no occupied homes. On the flip side, 1,200 of the state's 484,000 blocks were listed as having occupied homes but no population, according to Rich Doty, geographic information system coordinator and research demographer at the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business

Research.

"We expected these anomalies, as we were warned about this by the Census Bureau and other states," Doty said. "We just didn't expect this many."

Ahead of the release of census data used for drawing congressional and legislative districts in August, acting Census Bureau director Ron Jarmin warned that its application could produce some "fuzzy" figures at the neighborhood-block level and urged data users to combine blocks to get accurate results. But the bureau also says that despite the implementation of differential privacy, the quality of the 2020 data isn't any worse than previous censuses based on measurements of data quality.

That claim is hard to evaluate since the raw data without the application of differential privacy is not being made public, said Stefan Rayer, a University of Florida demographer.

"We have to take their word for it," he said.

Using test data, the Harvard researchers found that differential privacy was more likely to undercount mixed-race and mixed-partisan precincts, "yielding unpredictable racial and partisan biases," because it prioritizes the accuracy of the population count for the largest racial group in a given area.

"Our findings underscore the difficulty of balancing accuracy and respondent privacy in the Census," they said in a report.

The Census Bureau disagrees, and courts have found no reason to stop it.

Differential privacy was unsuccessfully challenged by the state of Alabama this year. In a declaration for that lawsuit, the Census Bureau's chief scientist, John Abowd, called the data "extremely accurate" and said the use of differential privacy showed no bias regarding racial or ethnic minorities.

"Redistricters can remain confident in the accuracy of the population counts and demographic characteristics of the voting districts they draw, despite the noise in the individual building blocks," Abowd said.

Not everyone believes the technique is the right way to protect confidentiality.

Two University of Minnesota researchers wrote in a recent paper that a Census Bureau experiment failed to show genuine threats to confidentiality and that any risks of reidentification were similar to random guessing of households' characteristics.

Demographer Steven Ruggles said during a presentation last month that the Census Bureau's fear of reidentification and the resulting justification for using differential privacy could undermine confidence in the census data.

"It should not justify the degradation of the statistical infrastructure of our country," Ruggles said.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi arrives Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol. She said voting on President Biden's domestic policy agenda could happen as early as Thursday. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Dems reach drug price deal; Biden upbeat on Manchin

By Lisa Mascaro and Farnoush Amiri

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats reached agreement Tuesday on plan to lower prescription drug costs for older people, capping out-of-pocket Medicare costs at \$2,000 and reducing the price of insulin, salvaging a campaign promise as part of President Joe Biden's \$1.75 trillion domestic policy proposal.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., announced the deal, which is one of the few remaining provisions that needed to be resolved in Biden's big package as the party moves closer to wrapping up negotiations.

Schumer acknowledged it's not as sweeping as Democrats had hoped for, but a compromise struck with one key holdout, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz.

Biden sounded upbeat about winning overall backing from another holdout, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., who threw the president's plan in flux this week by refusing to endorse it.

"He will vote for this," Biden said of Manchin during remarks at a global climate summit in Scotland.

Democrats are rushing to overcome party battles and finish a final draft of Biden's plan.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said privately she expects to wrap up a final draft and pave the way for voting as soon as Thursday on the overall package, according to her remarks at a closed-door caucus meeting. But no votes have been scheduled.

Blame is pointing all around as negotiations over Biden's ambitious agenda have dragged on, with Democrats unable to pass the bill.

Progressive and centrist lawmakers, particularly Manchin and Sinema, have fought over details of the sprawling 1,600-page package.

Luria, who represents a swing district in Virginia.

Still, Democrats shored up at least one unsettled provision — the prescription drug deal that had been scrapped from Biden's framework in a blow to Democrats' yearslong effort to reduce pharmaceutical costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prices.

"It's a big step in helping the American people deal with the price of drugs," Schumer said at the Capitol.

Schumer added that for the first time, Medicare will be able to negotiate prescription drug prices in its Part B and Part D program.

Democrats later said insulin prices would fall from as high as \$600 a dose to \$35. The penalties on drug manufacturers for raising prices beyond the inflation rate will be retroactive to Oct. 1.

Sinema's office issued a statement saying the senator "welcomes a new agreement on a historic, transformative Medicare drug negotiation plan that will reduce out-of-pocket costs for seniors."

Census undercount smaller than expected, analysis finds

By Mike Schneider

Associated Press

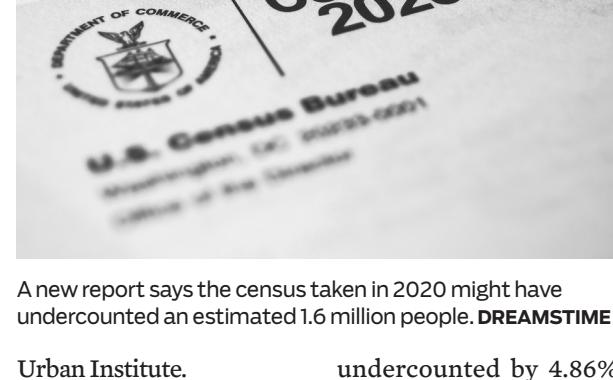
The 2020 census missed an estimated 1.6 million people, but given hurdles posed by the pandemic and natural disasters, the undercount was smaller than expected, according to an analysis by a think tank that did computer simulations of the nation's head count.

The analysis, done by the Urban Institute and released Tuesday, found that people of color, renters, noncitizens, children and people living in Texas — the state that saw the nation's largest growth — were most likely to be missed, though by smaller margins than some had projected for a count conducted in the midst of a pandemic. Still, those shortfalls could affect the drawing of political districts and distribution of federal spending.

The analysis estimates there was a 0.5% undercount of the nation's population during the 2020 census. If that modeled estimate holds true, it would be greater than the 0.01% undercount in the 2010 census but in the same range as the 0.49% undercount in the 2000 census.

The 2020 head count of the nation's 331 million residents last year faced unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires in the West, hurricanes on the Gulf Coast and attempts at politicization by the Trump administration. The census is used to determine how many congressional seats each state gets, provides the data used for drawing political districts and helps determine the allocation of \$1.5 trillion in federal spending each year.

"The fact that the undercount wasn't larger is surprising and certainly a good news story," said Diana Elliott, principal research associate at the



A new report says the census taken in 2020 might have undercounted an estimated 1.6 million people. DREAMSTIME

Urban Institute.

The official undercount or overcount of the census won't be known until next year when the Census Bureau releases a report card on its accuracy.

The Urban Institute created computer simulations that modeled the count by demographic characteristics and geography. Despite the smaller-than-expected national undercount, it showed wide ranges based on race, ethnic background, age and among U.S. states and metro areas.

In 2020, Black and Hispanic people had net undercounts of more than 2.45% and 2.17%, respectively, according to the Urban Institute estimates, while they were respectively 2.07% and 1.54% in 2010.

There was an overcount of white residents by 0.39%, according to the Urban Institute, and undercounts of Asians, Native Americans and Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders by 0.6%, 0.36% and 1.5%, respectively.

By comparison, 2010 had an overcount of white people by 0.84%. In 2010, there were undercounts of Asians by 0.08% and Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders by 1.34%. Native Americans on reservations were undercounted by 4.88% in 2010, but those off reservations were overcounted by 1.95%. Children under age 5 were

undercounted by 4.86%, households with noncitizens by 3.36% and renters by 2.13% in 2020, according to the Urban Institute.

While the national undercount in the Urban Institute model was not as bad as feared, the fact that minority groups continue to be undercounted is "unacceptable," said Cara Brumfield, a senior policy analyst at the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality.

The Urban Institute's analysis found variations in the accuracy by geography. Among the 20 largest metro areas, the Twin Cities had the nation's highest overcount, more than 1%, and Miami had the largest undercount at about 1.7%.

Mississippi and Texas were undercounted by 1.3% and 1.28%, respectively, in the simulated count. Minnesota, Iowa, New Hampshire and Wisconsin also registered overcounts in the simulation, an unsurprising result since they had among the highest self-response rates in the nation during the actual count.

About a fifth of the U.S. residents not counted in the Urban Institute's simulations, or more than 377,000 people, lived in Texas. According to the Urban Institute analysis, Texas stands to miss out on \$247 million in 2021 federal Medicaid reimbursements for being undercounted.

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No, vaccine mandates aren't an attack on your freedom



Paul Krugman

The delta surge in COVID-19 seems to be receding. That's good news, and not just because fewer people are dying. Fear of infection was one reason the economic recovery hit an air pocket in the third quarter. Resuming normal life will be a huge relief.

But the U.S. right is, in effect, trying to keep the pandemic going. We talk a lot about misinformation on social media, some of which — surprise! — appears to be the product of Russian disinformation. However, the role of the right-wing establishment has surely been far more important. Fox News serves up anti-vaccine messages almost every day. Republican governors have tried to ban vaccine mandates not just by local governments and school districts but by private businesses. Multiple Republican attorneys general have filed suit to stop federal vaccine mandates.

The rationale for all this activity is that it's about protecting freedom. In reality, while there are several reasons for vaccine resistance, politics is a significant driver of the agitation. A successful vaccination

campaign could mean a successful Biden administration, and the right is determined to prevent that, no matter how many avoidable deaths result from vaccine sabotage. It's noteworthy that Fox has a very strict vaccination policy for its own employees.

Still, the case against vaccine mandates, however disingenuous, needs to be answered on the merits. Yet I at least have rarely seen the case against a right to refuse vaccination fully explained, even though you could hardly come up with a better example than COVID-19 vaccination if you wanted to design a hypothetical situation in which arguments for freedom of choice don't apply. And I think it's worth spelling out exactly why.

First, personal choice is fine — as long as your personal choices don't hurt other people. I may deplore the quality of your housekeeping, but it's your own business; on the other hand, freedom doesn't include the right to dump garbage in the street.

And going unvaccinated during a pandemic does hurt other people — which is why schools, in particular, have required vaccination against many diseases for generations. The unvaccinated are much more likely to contract the coronavirus, and hence potentially infect others, than those who've had their shots; there's also some evidence that even when vaccinated individuals become infected, they're less likely to infect others than the unvaccinated.

Incidentally, the fact that breakthrough infections happen — that some people get the virus despite being vaccinated — actually strengthens the case for mandates, because it means that even those who've gotten their shots face some danger from those who refuse to follow suit.

And the harm done to others by rejecting vaccines goes beyond an increased risk of disease. The unvaccinated are far more likely than the vaccinated to require hospitalization, which means that they place stress on the health care system. They also impose financial costs on the general public, because given the prevalence of insurance both public and private, their hospital bills end up being largely covered by the rest of us.

Vaccination, then, should be considered a public duty, not a personal choice. But there would be a strong argument for public promotion of vaccines even if we were to somehow ignore the harm the unvaccinated impose on others and look only at the personal choice aspect. For this isn't an area in which individuals can be relied on to choose well.

Medicine, in case you haven't noticed, is a complex and difficult subject. As a result, it's an area where it's a bad idea to leave people entirely to their own devices. The clamor for unproven treatments like taking hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin reminds us why we require that physicians be licensed and drugs be approved, rather

than leaving it up to the public to decide who's qualified and which medication is safe and effective.

So you have to wonder why anyone would consider it a good idea when Florida's surgeon general urged people to downplay medical advice on vaccines and rely on their "intuition and sensibilities."

Finally, the most contentious area in this whole argument involves vaccine and mask requirements for schools. And in this area, opponents of mandates aren't making decisions for themselves — they're making decisions for their children, who have rights of their own and aren't simply their parents' property.

Now, U.S. law and tradition give parents a great deal of leeway, especially when religious beliefs are involved, but not absolute power over their children's lives. Adults can't choose to deny their children basic education; they can't turn down lifesaving medical treatment. That's why we have long-standing vaccine mandates for many childhood diseases. And the same logic applies to COVID-19.

Again, I don't know how many people really believe that vaccine requirements are an attack on freedom. But in any case, it's important to understand that freedom is no reason to block a potential medical miracle.

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Time to give women a seat at the table

By Bobby Ghosh

Bloomberg Opinion

Two and a half months since the fall of Kabul, the international community has yet to figure out how to stop Afghanistan's new masters from imposing harsh restrictions on women's freedoms. Yet one shift in the way negotiators handle their dealings with the Taliban would go a long way toward holding the regime accountable.

Having promised to make the Taliban stick to their promises of inclusivity, the Biden administration is under pressure to make the resumption of American aid conditional on the protection of women's rights. The issue also is routinely raised by delegations from foreign governments, the United Nations and aid agencies that have made their way to Kabul since mid-August, seeking reassurances that the new regime won't go back on its word.

It isn't only the liberal West that sees the Taliban's treatment of women as an early indicator of how the Taliban will rule. Even China, perhaps the most eager of the world powers to do business with the regime, has admonished the Taliban's leaders to preserve women's rights. But with so few women present for these high-stakes discussions, the Taliban might wonder whether they need to take these exhortations seriously. The gender bias has been so noticeable that the advocacy group Human Rights Watch has been keeping a running Twitter thread of all-male missions that arrive to press the former militants on humanitarian and other matters.

The absence of women in these discussions would be unconscionable at any time and under all circumstances, but especially now and in dealings with a deeply misogynistic regime. More than words, the Taliban should be given constant demonstration of the norms of the international community they say they want to join.

This can be accomplished with two simple measures.

First, women should comprise at least half of every foreign delegation to Kabul. At every possible opportunity, the lead interlocutor or negotiator should be a woman. Every time a Taliban leader sits across the table from visitors, he should see



An Afghan woman walks in a market where birds are sold Oct. 31 in Kabul. HECTOR RETAMAL/GETTY-AFP

and experience what most of world agrees is a woman's rightful place. The standard this will set is a necessary precondition to any meaningful change in attitude.

Second, every foreign delegation calling on the Taliban to discuss international aid should insist that there be women at the other side of the table. This will force the Taliban to look beyond its own ranks for representation, another necessary prerequisite for change. It isn't enough to make the restoration of international support and investment conditional on how women are treated. Women must be actively involved in the negotiations, so they can help set the terms for how aid will be administered.

The same conditions should apply to any Taliban delegation traveling abroad.

The Taliban will likely balk at these requirements at first, but they can ill afford to refuse: 80% of the last Afghan budget was funded by the U.S. and other donors. Taliban leaders might claim that exposing women to strangers is contrary to their faith or culture, but these specious arguments are easily countered by the example of other deeply conservative societies that are dropping many gender restrictions.

One challenge to this approach will be ensuring that the international community lines up behind it. Yet the virtue is self-evident, and it should be well within the ability of the Biden administration to

rally global opinion. Vice President Kamala Harris, who has pledged U.S. support for Afghan women, has the stature to lead on this issue.

Unanimity among foreign groups would be ideal, but it isn't essential. It will suffice if the most visible Western governments and multilateral organizations like the U.N. insist on having women literally at the table when talking to the Taliban. Any nation or organization that breaks ranks should then be called out — and obliged to explain why its rhetoric about women's rights isn't matched by its actions.

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Maybe Florida really can muzzle its college professors

By Noah Feldman

Bloomberg Opinion

The University of Florida struck a blow against academic freedom last week by prohibiting three professors from testifying in a lawsuit claiming the state's new election laws are discriminatory. But that doesn't necessarily mean that the university's action is a violation of the professors' free speech rights. A court should find the decision unlawful, but might not.

There's a difference between academic freedom and free speech. As explained by former Yale Law School Dean Robert Post in a classic work, these two freedoms are based on different principles and involve freedom from different kinds of constraints.

Academic freedom is based on expertise. It protects scholars from university administrators and boards of directors and others who might constrain them from expressing their views. Under commonly accepted principles of academic freedom, professors must be able to express themselves on all kinds of issues, whether within their expertise or beyond their expertise, without sanction or pressure from the university that employs them.

Free speech, in contrast, extends beyond experts or scholars. It guards every citizen's right to expression, a right necessary to both democracy and human self-realization. It protects everyone against the government. It isn't limited to useful communications or even to truthful ones.

In the context of state universities, things get tricky. Under existing constitutional doctrine, state universities are treated as state actors, which means the First Amendment applies to them. So when a state university takes steps against a professor for speech that is not part of his or her job, the constitutional standards that apply should be the same as those that apply to other state employees, whether they are high school teachers or cops or district attorneys (all categories considered by Supreme Court cases).

Nonetheless, courts have recognized that state universities still have to function as universities. So they are allowed to use accepted academic standards to make academic decisions about hiring, firing and promotions, even if that could be seen as restricting the free speech of professors who promote ideas that colleagues see as lacking in scholarly credibility.

If the University of Florida were a

private institution, it would be legal for it to tell professors that, as a condition of their employment, they can't participate in litigation against the university. At the same time, it would be an egregious violation of academic freedom. A private university that did what the University of Florida has done would come under tremendous criticism and pressure from the broader academic community. For the most part, that's how academic freedom is maintained in the U.S. — by reputation and pressure, not by statute or constitutional law.

When it comes to a state actor regulating the conduct of employees, the general First Amendment principle is that the state may restrict speech of employees when they are acting in the course of their employment — but not when they are acting as citizens in the public interest. The principle should protect the Florida professors, who would not be acting as employees of the University of Florida when they participated in litigation and testified in court.

In a 2014 case, *Lane v. Franks*, the Supreme Court held that a state employee is engaging in protected citizen speech when testifying truthfully in court. The professors were supposed to testify as part of their participation in the election-law

suit, which would appear to bring them under the protection of the *Lane* decision.

Yet the university — acting on behalf of the state — can be expected to argue that it isn't prohibiting the professors from expressing their opinions. Rather, the university is just prohibiting the professors from engaging in a particular type of conduct that is adverse to the interests of the university, namely participating in a lawsuit against the state and the governor. From this perspective, it matters that the professors weren't just randomly subpoenaed. They were going to be experts testifying for one side, and presumably compensated for their time in doing so.

Conceivably a federal district court — or even the Supreme Court, should the issue make its way that far — could accept that distinction. The idea would be that, when acting as an employer, a state agency can bar its employees from participating professionally in a private lawsuit against the state. Framed that way, the outcome would sound less outrageous as a matter of constitutional law. It would still be a disaster for academic freedom.

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Peggy F. Wadham

BRISTOL

Maria L. Oraschewsky

Lothar Schwarz

CROMWELL

Sharon E. Falvey

DURHAM

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EAST HARTFORD

Ralph Gustamachio

ENFIELD

Robert L. Parks*

HAMDEN

Brian M. Crozier

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Sonia E. Bayne

SOMERS

Robert L. Parks*

STAFFORD SPRINGS

Annette Roberts

TOLLAND

Franklin G. Denning*

Annette Roberts

VERNON

Leslie E. Schofield

WEST HARTFORD

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Judith M. Murray

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Cornelius L. Riley

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Mary C. Keane

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Joyce E. Johnson

WINSTED

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OUT OF STATE

Richard Delbonis

West Greenwich

Darrell Hill*

Chandler, AZ

Mary C. Keane

San Ramon, CA

* Denotes name listing only.

Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Baratz, Fran (Sears)**

Fran Sears Baratz passed away Monday, November 1, 2021 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. She was born in Norwich, CT on March 2, 1919 to the late Herman and Emma Sears. She was predeceased by her sister Sara Slosberg and survived by her sister Ruth and brother-in-law Bert Berlin of West Hartford. She was the loving wife for thirty years to Wilbur Baratz who passed in 1972. She leaves three sons Bruce, Dr. Robert and wife Robin, James and wife Donna, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

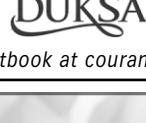
Fran received her undergraduate degree from Connecticut College in 1940 and Masters Degree in Education at University of Connecticut in 1961. She served as reunion chairman and class correspondent throughout most of her life, and received the Goss Award from Conn College Alumni Board of Trustees and was chosen to introduce Eleanor Roosevelt before her graduating class.

Over the years, Fran has been actively involved in the community. She was known for her energetic manner and met life's challenges with enthusiasm. She was a lifelong traveler establishing enduring friendships from around the globe. She was a bright, articulate and passionate woman who thoroughly enjoyed life to the fullest.

Funeral services will be held at Neilan Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave, New London CT on Thursday @ 11am. Interment will follow at Beth El Cemetery, Lester Town Road, Groton, CT. The family wishes to thank Sharon Clue for her love, compassion and complete devotion to Fran. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Fran may be sent to The Berlin Family Fund in memory of Ellen to support childhood education, Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Ave, West Hartford, CT 06117.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Bobko, Edward**

Edward Bobko, 96, of Newington, died on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Devoted husband of the late Janice G. Bobko; brother of the late John A. Bobko; and cousin of the late Edward Rohacz and Eugene Rohacz. Beloved father of Jane, Michael, and John Bobko, and grandfather of Madelyn Bobko and Brian Cusano. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, as the second son of Maria Yahelo and Oleksa Bobko, Ukrainian immigrants. Inducted into the US Navy in 1943, he served in the South Pacific until the end of World War II, in the Navy's 115th Construction Battalion. With benefits from the G.I. Bill of Rights, he attended Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, from which he obtained his bachelor's degree in 1949; he received his PhD in organic chemistry from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1952. He was a member of the Chemistry Department at Trinity College, Hartford, for 33 years, retiring from full-time teaching in 1988 as Scovill Professor of Chemistry. There will be no calling hours or service; burial will be private. Friends may donate in his memory to Trinity College or to charities important to him, in defense of civil rights and the environment and to promote science education. Newington Memorial Funeral Home has care of the arrangements.

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OBITUARIES**Bayne, Sonia Eve**

Sonia Eve (Canadine) Bayne passed away peacefully on October 29, 2021, at the age of 78. Sonia was born in Leamington Spa, England in 1943 to her parents, Howard and Gwendolyn. After the untimely death of her beloved father Howard in 1953, she and her mother moved to Pinner, outside London. Sonia attended Northwood College for Girls, specializing in French and Geography and where she won a top prize for Elocution.

In December 1962, Alexander Bayne rather infamously introduced himself and asked Sonia to dance at the local pub where he and his muddy rugby teammates were celebrating their victory and Sonia and her date had stopped in before going to a formal dance party. When Alex asked her to dance, Sonia politely said yes and was very relieved when it was over, saying to herself, "Well, I'm never doing that again." A few weeks later their paths crossed again, and this time Alex sporting a nice tie and jacket. His sartorial change caught the eye of Sonia who worked in fashion in London and the two soon started dating and married a couple of years later. In 1967, they added a yellow Labrador named Ross to the family. In 1968, they welcomed their daughter Sarah. Sonia and Alex shared a passion for travel and applied for visas to work and live in the United States. Alex traveled ahead by plane to establish their home. Sonia followed 6 weeks later with two-year old Sarah and three-year old Ross in the small passenger section of a cargo ship on an Atlantic Ocean crossing that took nine days. In 1972, Sonia and Alex welcomed their son, Matthew. Five years later, the family moved to Simsbury, Connecticut.

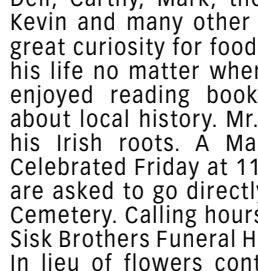
Sonia continued her work in fashion at Luettgens Limited in the Hartford Civic Center Mall and later at Allan Collins in West Hartford Center. In 1980, she left the fashion world behind for a career in technical writing and communications at Aetna Life & Casualty and then CIGNA, making possible the launch of Alex's business as an independent consulting engineer and the college educations of her children. Sonia and Alex are devoted members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Tariffville, where they found a loving spiritual home and community. They were involved in numerous outreach and youth programs at the church and were key members in establishing the Kateri Medical Clinic in Nigeria. In later years, they traveled extensively. Sonia was a devoted patron of the arts and loved painting, literature, theatre, dance, music, film, fashion, and a well-made cocktail. She knew how to find the very best deal on travel, make a world-class Bolognese sauce, and re-enact Monty Python sketches word for word. She survived cancer twice and COVID, thanks to her vaccinations. Sonia was preceded in death by her mother Gwendolyn, her father Howard, and her step-father Herbert "Mike" Loveland. She is survived by her husband Alex, her daughter Sarah and son-in-law Tom, her son Matthew and daughter-in-law Karen, and her grandchildren, Isaac, Henry, and Theo.

There will be a gathering with the family from 12PM-2PM on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11 Church St., Tariffville, CT 06081. A private memorial service will follow. All guests are required to wear a mask throughout the reception and service, regardless of vaccination status. The family ask that in lieu of flowers you make a donation to your favorite charity. To share a memory of Sonia or condolence message with her family, please visit www.carmونfuneralhome.com.

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In Hamden, October 30, 2021 Brian M. Crozier 34, of Hamden. He is the beloved son of Kathleen A. Crozier of Hamden and James R. Crozier, III also of Hamden, loving brother of Timothy M. and Daniel P. Crozier both of Hamden, grandson of Patricia O. Crozier of Old Saybrook. He also leaves behind the love of his life Samantha

Gettings, a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, a close circle of life-long friends and his beloved pets Merlin and Porter. Predeceased by grandparents James R. Crozier, Michael & Maureen McTague and an uncle Donald D. Crozier. Brian was a graduate of St. Rita School, Notre Dame High School and Southern Connecticut State University. He cherished each and every member of his family. He was a loving son that provided his parents with the greatest joy that life could offer. Most of all, he was a wonderful big brother to Tim and Dan. Brian was a lifelong sports fan, he loved the NY Giants Football and Boston Red Sox Baseball teams, and fantasy sport leagues. He adored close relationships especially with his friends and cousins that he grew up with and attended school. His cousins Michael, Terence and Steven and close friends Dell, Carthy, Mark, the three Davids, Justin, Joe and Kevin and many other family and friends. Brian had a great curiosity for food and beverage and included it in his life no matter where he and Sam would travel. He enjoyed reading books, in particular those written about local history. Mr. Crozier was also very proud of his Irish roots. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Rita Church. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours are Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. In lieu of flowers contributions to the American Red Cross P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0939 for which Brian was a long term donor. To leave an online condolence please visit <https://www.siskbrothers.com/>

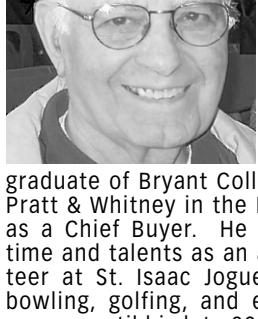
Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**DelBonis, Richard E.**

DELBONIS, RICHARD E. 67, of West Greenwich passed away on Sunday October 31, 2021 at home. He was the beloved husband of the late Joan A. (Cayer) DelBonis. Born in Providence he was the son of the late Joseph H. and Rose A. (DiRaimo) DelBonis. Richard was a mechanic for the Cranston Fire Department for 20 years before retiring.

He was the beloved father of Richard DelBonis, II and his wife Makayla Proffit-DelBonis, Samantha Marshall and her husband Michael Marshall and Leila DelBonis and dear brother of Joseph DelBonis and the late Carlo DelBonis. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service on Friday November 5th 2021 at 10 am in the NARDOLILLO FUNERAL HOME & Crematory 1278 Park Ave. Cranston. Burial will follow in Pawtuxet Memorial Park Warwick. Visiting hours are Thursday from 4 pm to 7 pm. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Victory Junction 4500 Adam's Way Randleman, NC 27317. Visit NardolilloFH.com for online condolences.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**OBITUARIES****Falvey, Sharon E (Oakes)**

Sharon Elizabeth Falvey, 67, Clarksville, TN, formally of Cromwell, CT passed away on August 16, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Elizabeth, NJ to Harold and Elizabeth Oakes. Sharon graduated from the University of Bridgeport and obtained her master's at the University of New Haven. Sharon loved to travel the world and she explored many places throughout her 20-year career as a Manager of Contracts and Procurement at Boeing Sikorsky, retiring in July of 2021. Sharon was a fierce negotiator who was passionate about her work and stood up for what she believed in. Sharon had a strong faith, loved to listen to music, country line dance, head off on a motorcycle ride, and had an infectious laugh. Her giving nature and warmth had an impact on everyone she met. Sharon is survived by her husband, Robert Falvey of Clarksville, TN, son Justin Evans and daughter in law, Jill, of Canton, CT; daughter, Amy Resh of Irvine, CA; step-daughter Jessica Falvey of East Mesa, AZ; grandchildren, Will, Avery 6, Lexi 6, Chloe 6 and Jackson 3; her siblings Deborah Freeborn, Melanie Rockwell, and Jonathan Oakes as well as several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service in honor of Sharon Falvey will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, November 13, 2021, at First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street Cromwell, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Congregational Church, Cromwell.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Gustamachio, Ralph**

Ralph Gustamachio, 94, of East Hartford, passed peacefully on Friday, October 29, 2021. Born in Norwich, CT on August 24, 1927, he was the son of the late John and Frances (Levanto) Gustamachio, and lived in East Hartford for 61 years. Following high school, Ralph served in the Navy as an aviation specialist and was a 1955 graduate of Bryant College. For 35 years he worked at Pratt & Whitney in the Purchasing Department retiring as a Chief Buyer. He was always generous with his time and talents as an active communicant and volunteer at St. Isaac Jogues Church. Ralph also enjoyed bowling, golfing, and exercising at the Aircraft Club gym up until his late 80s. He was a devoted husband of 52 years to Carolyn (Garfield). He was a loving and caring father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, as well as a wonderful role model for his family. Ralph is survived by four children, Donna Gerrity and her husband Kevin of Middletown, Darroll Gustamachio and his wife Terry, of Brewster, MA, Susan Atwood of Vernon, and Carol Ann Barnes and her husband Tim of Suffield; his brother Donald and wife Marcia; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Kanaitis, Shannon Gerrity, Kevin Gerrity, Meghan Apostol, Jessica Granucci, Brendan Gerrity, Katie Gustamachio, and Danielle Buttafuoco; seven great-grandchildren; and other beloved family members. In addition to his wife Carolyn, Ralph was predeceased by his sisters Anna and Frances and his brothers Joseph and John. Family and friends may call on the John F. Tierney Funeral Home on Saturday, November 6, 8:30-10 a.m. at 219 West Center Street, Manchester. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 15 Maplewood Ave, East Hartford. Burial will follow at Silver Lane Cemetery in East Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Ralph's name to Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For extended obituary and online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES

Keane, Mary C.

Mary C. Keane, R.N., M.A., O.C.N., of San Ramon, CA, and formerly of Windsor, CT, passed away on September 22, 2021. Born in CA, daughter of the late Robert E. and June (Alford) Keane, Mary was raised in Los Angeles where she attended Ramona Convent Secondary School as a boarding student. Upon graduation, Mary joined the Sisters of the

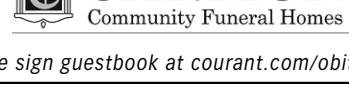
Holy Names and lived in CA while pursuing her nursing education. Mary ultimately earned an A.A. degree in Nursing from De Anza College in 1972 followed by a B.S. in Nursing Education from Holy Names University in Oakland, CA, in 1975.

Mary felt that her calling was to "walk with people in pain" and in 1976 she was sent by her Order to New Haven, CT to do hospice work. The organization that she worked for established Branford Hospice, which became a model for the rest of the country. In 1980, Mary moved to Hartford, CT to work as an oncology nurse at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Her first apartment in Hartford was on the 3rd floor and only accessible by a fire escape. She lived there only briefly because she realized that, given her innate clumsiness, she was bound to break a leg as soon as winter set in! In addition to working at Mt. Sinai, Mary began working with the Carmon Funeral Home after hours, helping with difficult family situations and especially helping children deal with loss. She started a young widows & widowers' group in 1989 and a children's group, which she initially held in her apartment, in 1991. She also worked with people & families affected with AIDS and at a center for families who lost a child to SIDS. Mary earned her Master's from St. Joseph's College, where drawing on her years of experience she wrote her thesis on the "Impact of people who family members meet when they first experienced a death". Mary retired from Mt. Sinai & left her Order in 1994, at which time she started working for the Carmon Funeral Homes as a family counselor and staff trainer, with emphasis on caring for children in grief. Mary received the American Cancer Society's Excellence in Oncology Nursing Award and the George Sheehan, MD Award for Humanitarian Service while at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

In 1996, with the support of the Carmon Family Foundation, Mary established "Mary's Place", A Center for Grieving Children and Families, located in Windsor, CT. She created Mary's Place as a safe environment for children to grieve in whatever way they wanted or needed to and not be judged. Having a safe place where children could interact with other children who had a shared experience helped ease their isolation and let them know that they were not alone. Mary loved all the ways that kids expressed their emotions, and one of her favorites was a poster that read, "Dear Mary, I rilly, rilly, rilly like coming hear." Mary's Place was the culmination of her life's work, and prior to her retirement in 2006 she said, "I have so much admiration for the courage these families possess. It is an incredible privilege to journey with these children and adults through this painful passage in their lives and to see the healing. I draw my strength and my courage through the people I have met here." One of Mary's greatest joys was her involvement with FIDELCO and becoming the owner of a breed dog named "Ginger". Ginger became Mary's constant companion and became the therapy dog at the funeral home and Mary's Place. Mary's legacy lives on in the work she started at Mary's Place and in the hearts of the thousands of lives she touched during some of the worst moments in their lives.

Besides her of many cousins in California and around the United States, Mary left many dear friends in Greater Hartford and beyond who she had cared for and supported during the most difficult time in their lives.

Mary's Services will be in California Friday, November 12, 2021, with burial with her parents. Locally, A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, December 3, 2021, 11 am at Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish St Mary's Church, 42 Spring Street, Windsor Locks with her dear friend Msgr Robert O'Grady as Celebrant. A Reception will follow the Mass. Contributions in Mary's memory may be made to Mary's Place, A Center for Grieving Children & Families, 6 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095. For further information please contact the Carmon Funeral Home, 860-688-2200 or visit the website for directions or to leave condolences for the family at carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Murray, Judith M (Morris)

Judith M. Murray, 78 years of age of West Hartford, CT, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Judy was the beloved wife of James Hamilton Murray. Born in Atlantic City, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Evelyn Morris of Philadelphia, PA.

Judy excelled in the arts as a young woman, receiving musical-scholarship funds for her mastery of the cello. She played with the Philadelphia Philharmonic as a teenager before attending Temple University School of Nursing, where she met James.

The couple moved to Rochester, MN while James interned at the Mayo Clinic, and moved to Rocky Hill, CT in 1972 to welcome their daughter, Elizabeth Claire. They welcomed James Daniel fourteen months later, and Judy dedicated herself both to motherhood and nursing. She returned to full-time nursing as a Certified Registered Nurse Anaesthetist at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, where her colleagues appreciated her attention to detail, her professionalism, and her humor. Her patients were grateful for her compassion and level of care.

Judy was a devoted partner, a loving mother, and a doting grandmother. Her friends and family remember her for her quick wit, fearlessness, and generosity.

Judy is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Hourigan and her husband, Peter, of Wilmington, NC; her son, Jamie D. Murray and his wife, Kerry, of Santa Rosa, CA; her four beloved grandchildren, Ella, Nora, Jane, and Will.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 4th, 2021 at the Congregation Beth Israel Cemetery, 51 Jackson St., Avon, CT, officiated by Rabbi Michael Pincus. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut Children's Foundation.

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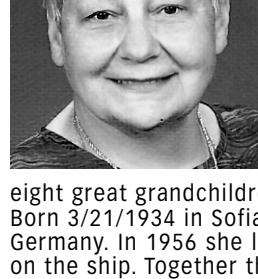
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Monaco, Joanne T.

Joanne Theresa Monaco, age 78, beloved mother, grandmother and aunt, went with her Lord peacefully on October 24, 2021, at Heron Pointe Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brooksville, FL. Joanne was born on June 23, 1943, in Waterbury, CT to Saverio and Rafael "Rae" (Cicchetti) Iannelli. Joanne attended

Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, graduating in 1962. That same year, in August, she married the love of her life, Ralph Monaco Sr. After becoming "Mrs. Monaco," she became a Certified EKG technician, and began her career in the medical field working first at Waterbury Hospital, and then as an Office Manager at a cardiology practice in Waterbury. During this time, Joanne also earned another title, that of "Mom," when she and Ralph welcomed their two children, Ralph Jr. and Barbara Ann. Before her retirement, Joanne held various positions within the Southington Board of Education; her last position being Administrative Assistant to the Principal of South End School. When she wasn't working, Joanne was an active member in her community, participating in community service and serving as a Eucharistic Minister for Saint Thomas Parish in Southington. As a family of four, Joanne, her husband and their two children, enjoyed countless summer vacations, but her favorite pastime was spending time in the sun, lounging in the family's in-ground pool, and hosting many enjoyable summer barbeques with friends and family. Later in life, Joanne and Ralph enjoyed traveling abroad; Italy being Joanne's favorite destination. When Joanne wasn't traveling, she and Ralph were spending summers at their lake house at Sun Valley in Stafford Springs, CT where they continued to entertain family and friends. An avid poker player, Joanne was also the winner of several poker tournaments during this time. Even though she loved the sun and poker, Joanne cherished being a grandmother to her three adored grandsons, James, Kyle and Kevin, even more. After the passing of her husband, Joanne moved to Clearwater, FL, for the sunshine and palm trees where she acquired a loving group of friends. Throughout her lifetime, Joanne also had an inseparable bond with her sister, Josephine, and together they shared many adventures filled with love and laughter. Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Ralph Monaco Sr. and leaves behind her son Ralph Monaco Jr. (Beth) of Brooksville, FL, daughter Barbara Lalla of Southington, CT, and grandsons, James Monaco of Brooksville, FL and Kyle and Kevin Lalla of Southington, CT. She also leaves behind sisters, Josephine D'Argento of New Haven and Mary Ann Santamauro of Waterbury, CT, brother, John Iannelli of Southington, CT, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend their gratitude to all the staff at Heron Pointe for their attentiveness and loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation (<https://www.parkinson.org/>) or to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation (<https://bafound.org/>). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 8th, 2021 at St. Dominic's Church, 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. There are no calling hours. Plantsville Funeral Home has been entrusted with handling the arrangements. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Oraschewsky, Maria L.

Maria Louise Oraschewsky (née Hofer) passed peacefully at home surrounded by family on November 1, 2021. Maria is predeceased by her husband of 62 years Roland and her daughter Tamara. She is survived by her son, Peter (Jean) Oraschewsky; grandsons Michael (Llana), Kolya, Andreas (Claire), Alex (Raegan) and James. "Oma" to

eight great grandchildren. Born 3/21/1934 in Sofia, Bulgaria was raised in Lindau, Germany. In 1956 she left for America and met Roland on the ship. Together they settled in Bristol, CT. Maria worked for several local and International companies using her background in languages to translate business documents in import/export. She served on the Parish Council of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church in Terryville for 25 years and was Treasurer for a decade. Her passions were the Sisterhood of the Church, travel, visiting life long friends in Germany, the mountains and gardening.

A funeral service will be held Thursday 10 AM at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Church. Burial will be in St. Cyril Cemetery, Terryville. Relatives and friends may call at the church Thursday morning from 9 to 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Church.

Scott Funeral Home 169 Main St., Terryville is assisting the family with arrangements. www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

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Riley, Cornelius "Neil" L.

Cornelius "Neil" L. Riley, 84 of Wethersfield, beloved husband of Josephine (Opanel) Riley passed away Sunday October 31, 2021 at home surrounded by his family. He was born in Hartford son of the late Edward and Eulalia (Doherty) Riley and had resided in Wethersfield for over 50 years. Neil retired after 36 years of service from the Department of Transportation as chief Financial Officer. Besides his wife he is survived by his 2 daughters; Kelli J. Lykins and her husband Steven of Fort Meyers, FL, and Kimberly A. Veneziano of Manchester. He also leaves his 6 grandchildren; Kaila, Austin, Kendra, Westin, Jaden, and Terry, his nieces Patti, Jeanne and Crythia, and nephew Josh. Neil was also predeceased by his brother Edward Riley, and his sister Virginia Cirigliano. A funeral service will be held Friday, October 5, 2021, 2:00 PM at the Dillon Baxter Funeral Home, 1276 Berlin Tpke. Wethersfield. Visiting hours will precede the service Friday at the funeral home from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd, #4B, Southington, CT 06489. To share a memory with the family, please visit www.dillonbaxter.com

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Roberts, Annette Zimmer

Annette (Zimmer) Roberts, 66, of Stafford Springs, CT passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. She was born in Springfield, MA, daughter of the late David and Yvonne (Alley) Zimmer. Annette graduated from Bridgewater State College in 1976, and began her career as a special education teacher in Tolland, CT. She dedicated her life to her students and for more than 40 years brought empathy and enthusiasm to her classroom. She loved hiking, fishing, and sharing warm, homemade meals with her family. Annette is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Michael R. Roberts; her son, Kevin M. Roberts; her sister, Diane Siska and her husband David, her niece, Denise Siska and her husband Anthony; her great nephew, Anthony; and many other family members. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 1:30 PM at St. Edward Church, 55 High St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Council of Exceptional Children (CEC) in the name of Annette Roberts at <https://exceptionalchildren.org/get-involved>. To leave a condolence or for directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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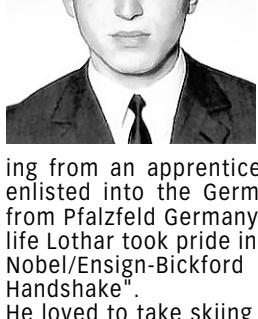
Schmitt, Marcella L.

Marcella L. Schmitt, 103, of Newington, CT passed away Thursday, October 21, 2021 at UCONN Health Center. Marcella was the daughter of the late William and Marguerite (Connell) Bertolini. She retired from Moore Medical and volunteered at the Newington Senior Center. Marcella enjoyed travelling with friends after retirement. She was a member of St. Mary Church, Newington. Marcella was a strong, independent woman. She never forgot her past and gave opinions upfront always. "Our hearts remember most what it has loved best".

Marcella is survived by her two sons, Kenneth Schmitt and his wife Sophie and Jeffrey Schmitt and his wife Wendy. Her nine grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Marcella was predeceased by her husband Edwin Schmitt, her two sons Edward Schmitt and Donald Schmitt and her brother Arthur Chasse. A special thank you to Sophie for her loving care. There are no calling hours. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain, CT has charge of arrangements. To extend condolences to the Schmitt family or to share a memory of Marcella, please visit SHAKERFUNERALHOME.COM

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Schwarz, Lothar

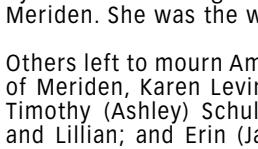
Lothar Schwarz, 76, of Bristol passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, October 31, 2021, with his family by his side. Lothar was born on February 6, 1945, to the late Karl and Barbara (Broy) Schwarz, in Oberhausen-Rheinland, Germany during World War II in a bunker and was one of fifteen children that survived. After graduating from an apprenticeship as a Black Smith he was enlisted into the German Navy. At age 23 he moved from Pfalzfeld Germany to America to start a family. In life Lothar took pride in his job as a Tool Maker at Dyno Nobel/Ensign-Bickford, retiring with a "Golden Handshake".

He loved to take skiing trips, going on cruises and was an avid golfer. His true passion was competing in racquet ball tournaments and sharing his love of the sport with others. He enjoyed volleyball and barbeques. Lothar would organize monthly luncheons with all his buddies from work which will continue after his passing. He loved to travel back home to Germany to visit his family and close friends.

Lothar leaves behind his wife Elisabeth (Villano) Schwarz; predeceased by his son Andreas Schwarz of Bristol CT and is survived by his two daughters, Rosemarie Caputo of Broad Brook, CT and Gennaro Caputo of Bristol, CT; his 7 grandchildren, Michael along with his wife Jennifer, Landin, Jordon, Jena, Megan, Aidan, Kyah; and his great grandchildren, Michael, Bianca, Dakota, Jeniah, Sydney, Jazlyn, and Jaydaleez. Preceded in death by his parents and Sister Inga; survived by his brother Munfred.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, from 3-5 pm at Scott Funeral Home, 169 Main St., Terryville, followed by a reception for family and friends. www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

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Schultz, Amy N (Levine)

Amy Levine Schultz passed away at the CT Hospice on October 21, 2021 after a short battle with stomach cancer. Born on July 10, 1959 to the late Harry and Joyce Levine, she was a lifelong resident of Meriden. She is survived by her beloved daughters Hannah and Jenna Schultz of Meriden. She was the wife of Douglas Schultz.

Others left to mourn Amy include her sisters Jan Levine of Meriden, Karen Levine of New Britain, stepchildren Timothy (Ashley) Schultz and their children, William, and Lillian; and Erin (Jacques) McAnlay and their son Colton; sisters-in-law Cindy (Ron) Silvernale, Lynda (Michael) Murdy, brother-in-law Jay Schultz, and several nieces and nephews.

Amy was an elementary school teacher in Meriden for over 32 years. In lieu of a funeral, a Celebration of Life will be held at her house between the hours of 1-4 on Saturday, November 6th. Donations can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Ryan, Jean A.

On Thursday October 28, 2021 with her family by her side, Jean A. Ryan, long term resident of Wethersfield CT, and most recently of Rocky Hill, CT, wife of 39 years to her beloved husband, the late M. Vincent Ryan, passed away. She was born in South Orange, NJ and raised in Maplewood, New Jersey. She is the daughter of the late Leo F. Feindt, Sr. and Violet M. Feindt. Jean attended Columbia High School, where she lettered in multiple sports and was President of the Art Club. Her love of sports was evident as a huge fan of her cherished New York Yankees, the UCONN Women's basketball team, and the Providence College Friars. She played a good game of golf, and she could punt a football across the yard for the neighborhood kids. She loved to swim, read, watch the Kentucky Derby, and loved all things turquoise. She once said turquoise is a color that looks good on everyone and is such a happy color, and she used it in most of her oil paintings. Jean was always a very creative and artistic person. She was accepted into Pratt Art Institute in NY, but because so many of our nation's heroes were returning from Korea, and GI's were given top priority, she had to wait a semester before attending. Always high energy, and not one to ever sit still, Jean changed course and decided to attend Virginia Intermont College where she majored in Medical Information and minored in art. When she graduated, she went to work in the Medical Records department at Orange Memorial Hospital in New Jersey. Jean later went on to earn an additional degree from Hillyer College (now University of Hartford) and did additional graduate work at Yale. She also earned both her Registered Record Librarian and Registered Record Administrator certifications.

An independent woman of strong principle, she was raised to be very proper but was also encouraged to follow her own path. Jean received a job offer from Hartford Hospital, and moved to Connecticut, where she permanently remained. Jean was Director of Medical Records and Health Information at Hartford Hospital for 39 years. It was at Hartford Hospital where she met the love of her life, and best friend, M. Vincent (Vinnie) Ryan at a bowling banquet for the hospital's bowling league. The rest was history. Jean and Vinnie lived in Wethersfield, CT for most of their married life, and that is where they raised their two children.

In the days where most mothers stayed at home, Jean maintained a very successful career and was internationally known in her field. She presented at both national and international conferences on medical coding and the importance of patient confidentiality. In the mid-1980's, Jean traveled to Japan and China for several months as part of an international friendship exchange. There, she taught the importance of documenting all medical conditions and diagnoses in medical records at large hospitals in Tokyo and Beijing as well as at rural hospitals in both countries. Her goal was to improve the level of documentation for improved future patient outcomes. While she was quite proud of her contributions, the project she was most proud of was as a key contributor to SNOMED 10 – which was a major overhaul to the international classification of diseases. She worked on that with her good friend and collaborator, the late Ronald Beckett, MD who she considered to be one of her greatest mentors.

While Jean's career was a big part of her life, everything she did was for her family. Born on December 6th (St Nicholas Day), Jean loved Christmas. She loved decorating, sending cards, and made Christmas Eve a huge celebration for the family. Every holiday was important to her. From the family Fourth of July party, to making amazing Halloween costumes which clearly showed her creativity, to celebrating our birthdays, she valued all special occasions. When Vinnie became sick, Jean retired to be his primary caregiver; she was incredibly dedicated to him until the day he passed. While she never got over Vinnie's loss, in efforts to keep herself busy, Jean took up art again and joined the Wethersfield Art League. She made very close friends in the league, and, because of her natural leadership skills, became the Co-President of the Art League for many years. In that time, Jean became a very prolific painter and won numerous awards for her paintings at juried art shows and at local fairs. Jean continued to paint up until her vision started failing.

In her last years, Jean fought some long-term health issues but always sustained her will to make the most of everyday and carry on. She leaves behind her son Gregory L. Ryan of Newington, her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Michael Ashe of Berlin, CT and the special lights of her life her grandchildren Kerry Ashe of New York, NY, and Ryan Ashe of Providence, RI. In addition, Jean also leaves several generations of nieces and nephews (The Feindts, The McHenrys, The Fagans, and The Trombleys). She loved the letters and cards, and family get togethers she shared with them over the years. She was pre-deceased by her brother and sister-in-law Leo F. Feindt, Jr and his wife Aline, as well as her niece and God-daughter Katherine Feindt-Bailey. As a family, we were lucky to have had Jean as a major part of our lives. She was our role model and hero. She will always be loved and treasured in our hearts. The family would like to thank her care team at The Atrium at Rocky Hill for their part in caring for Jean over the past two years as well as her therapists, Camile and Jen, from Encompass. Special thanks to her PCP practice Jaques Mendelsohn, MD and Gail Lagana, APRN who were always on hand.

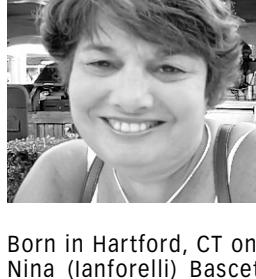
In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Wethersfield Art League, 193 Wells Road Wethersfield, CT 06109 or the Connecticut Humane Society, <https://give.cthumane.org/give/163286/#/donation/checkout>

Calling hours are Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Dillon-Baxter Funeral Home at 1276 Berlin Turnpike Wethersfield, CT 06109. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 am on Friday November 5, 2021 at The Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect St, Wethersfield, CT 06109 followed by interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114.



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Sorrentino, Linda L.(Bascetta)

Linda Lucy (Bascetta) Sorrentino of Berlin, beloved wife of Sebastian (Sonny) Sorrentino of Berlin, passed away on November 2, 2021 after 74 years of life. She fought a mighty battle against a rare Mitochondrial Disease until passing peacefully in her sleep, family by her side, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain.

Born in Hartford, CT on May 27, 1947 to Sebastian and Nina (Ianforelli) Bascetta, Linda attended the Gilbert School in Winsted. On October 26, 1968 she married Sonny, the love of her life. Together, they built a life full of travel, camping, countless trips to Disney World, and a big, beautiful family. The couple raised four children: Maria Sorrentino of Newington, Diana Sorrentino-Schlauch (Raymond Schlauch) of Annapolis, MD, John Sorrentino (Beth Sorrentino) of Berlin, and Michael Sorrentino (Annie Scranton) of NYC. Linda loved her children more than life itself, until they gave her grandchildren.

She leaves behind eight adored grandchildren, who were the center of her world: Riley and Brayden Sorrentino of Newington; Thomas, Anson and Christian Schlauch of Annapolis, MD; Ryan and Erika Sorrentino of Berlin; and Rose Scranton-Sorrentino of NYC.

Linda was a giver. She loved nothing more than having her family gathered in her kitchen, where she prepared arguably the best Italian meals on the planet, recipes handed down from generations past. She loved volunteering at church, playing golf, spending her summer days at Hammonasset Beach, long drives with Sonny, and doting on her grandchildren. She lived each and every day to its fullest. Whether it was an impromptu trip to Maine for lunch or a drive to see one of her grandkids take part in an activity, she was always ready for the next adventure, no matter how big or small. Her presence will be missed by many, but her energy and compassionate love lives on in her family and friends.

Calling hours will be held at Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin/Porter's on Thursday, November 4 from 5-8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10am on Friday, Nov 5 at St. Paul Church in Berlin. Burial will be in Wilcox Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Ronald McDonald House. Please share a memory of Linda with the family in the online guest book @ www.ericksonhansenberlin.com

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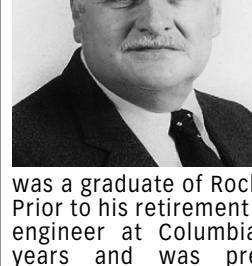
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Schofield, Leslie E.

Leslie E. Schofield, 84, of Tolland, beloved husband of 63 years to Clare (Jones) Schofield, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Born in Hartford, the son of the late Wilfred and Mary (Milton) Schofield, he grew up and lived in Vernon before moving to Tolland 57 years ago. He

was a graduate of Rockville High School, Class of 1955. Prior to his retirement in 2012, Leslie was a mechanical engineer at Columbia Manufacturing Inc. for many years and was previously employed at Target Manufacturing Industries where he was Chief of Engineering and held many patents. He is well known for his invention of the vacuum throttle and brake and the horizontal steering system. These systems gave independence and the ability to drive to those with quadriplegia. He was well respected in his field, and his work was written about in journals and Time magazine several times. Leslie had the natural ability to fix anything and the desire to make things work better. Of all of his accomplishments, the one he valued most was his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Arthur Schofield of Tolland, Sandra Tosta of Charleston, SC, James Schofield of Vernon, Patricia Leiper and her husband Edward of Englewood, FL, and Janice Benedict and her husband David of Scotland, CT; twelve grandchildren; five great grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his son Scott Schofield, his three sisters, Ethel Therrien, Beverly Forand, and Phyllis Miclette, and his brother Wilfred Schofield Jr. His family will receive friends for calling hours on Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Ladd-Turkington & Carmon Funeral Home, 551 Talcottville Road (Route 83), Vernon. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home on Friday, November 5th at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in South Cemetery, Tolland. For online condolences and guest book, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Wadhams, Peggy F (Schmidt)

Peggy (Schmidt) Wadhams, 93 of Inverness Florida, passed peacefully on Wednesday (October 20, 2021) at the Hospice House in Lecanto FL. She was born in Mamaroneck NY. The daughter of the late John A. Schmidt and Adeline B. Peggy graduated from Manchester High School in Manchester, CT and later settled in Bloomfield, CT. She worked for Cigna Life Insurance Company and volunteered for many local charities. She retired in Inverness, FL where she continued her volunteer services. Peggy is survived by her three children, James A. Wadhams of Hebron, CT, Patricia W. Schnee of Collinsville, CT, and William E. Wadhams of Inverness, FL., 6 grandchildren and two great granddaughters. A memorial service and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839 or Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., 290 Turnpike Road, Suite 5-315, Westborough, MA 01581.

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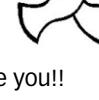
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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Company gets OK for rapid home test

Guilford-based firm gets FDA emergency use authorization

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

A Guilford company has received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its at-home, rapid molecular COVID-19 test, which can deliver highly accurate COVID-19 tests within an hour.

Unlike rapid antigen tests,

which can generally only confirm symptomatic cases of COVID-19, and PCR tests, which can take a few days to be processed in a laboratory, the Detect COVID-19 test provide rapid results that are expected to be nearly as accurate as PCR tests. The test, which includes a swab, vial and reader to process the test, uses a mobile app that guides the user through the test-taking process.

Detect's emergency use authorization comes at a time when at-home COVID-19 tests are increasingly seen as the key to confronting the current stage of

the pandemic, when vaccinations have plateaued and the delta variant continues to drive the spread of the virus.

The Detect test will likely become available for purchase on the company's website, detect.com, in the coming weeks, marketed at a retail price of under \$50 for a single test. Eventually, Detect may explore selling the test in pharmacies and on amazon.com, said Owen Kaye-Kauderer, a co-founder of Detect and its chief business officer.

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Norman Marshall drops a test tool in a box while volunteering to help Detect, a Guilford-based company, develop an at-home COVID test.
MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT



Longtime lobbyist Carroll J. Hughes died Monday at age 79 after lobbying for 47 years at the state Capitol. He is shown in 2018 with Manchester Community College President Gena Glickman, left, and his wife and longtime lobbying partner, Jean Cronin. **MARYELLEN FILLO/HARTFORD COURANT**

CARROLL J. HUGHES 1942-2021

'Larger than life'

Influential lobbyist served police chiefs, package stores and more over 47 years

By Christopher Keating | Hartford Courant

Carroll J. Hughes, an influential lobbyist at the state Capitol for the past 47 years who knew governors, House Speakers, thousands of legislators and Donald Trump, died Monday. He was 79.

Hughes' wife and longtime lobbying partner, Jean Cronin, said he battled leukemia for the past three years but kept the illness quiet so that his friends would not be overly concerned. Since the state Capitol has been largely closed to the general public for the past two sessions, many legislators and fellow lobbyists had not

seen Hughes in person in many months and were unaware of his illness.

"He had a valiant battle, but he didn't really want to worry people, and he kept it pretty quiet," Cronin said Monday night. "He had pneumonia. ... He had lost a lot of weight. He was still working. He was going to the office a couple of days a week."

His mind was sharp right up to the end."

Hughes died peacefully at 5:30 p.m. Monday after being rushed by ambulance to Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London with Cronin and his youngest son, Sean, by his side.

"He lived a great life, loved his job, loved his family, loved the Capitol, loved everything about it," Cronin said. "He will be missed. He's just one of a kind. Larger than life."

Even last week, Hughes was still involved in issues regarding his clients — talking about how the local elections Tuesday might be impacted by some

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Lamont urges tips to report corruption

Request comes on the heels of arrest of Democratic lawmaker

By Daniela Altomari
Hartford Courant

Following the arrest last month of a Democratic legislator accused of stealing more than \$600,000 in COVID relief money, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont is urging anyone who suspects public corruption to contact authorities.

"If there are other folks in any towns and they see anything at all, let us know," Lamont said Monday. "I've got zero tolerance for this stuff."

State Rep. Michael DiMissa, D-West Haven, was arrested on Oct. 20. Federal officials say he stole federal COVID-19 relief money by billing the city of West Haven, where he also worked as an aide to the city council, for pandemic-related consulting services that he never performed.

DiMissa, 30, resigned from his seat on Monday. He has also quit his city hall job.

Lamont has called a special election to be held in December to fill the vacancy. Voters in the 116th Assembly District, which includes parts of New Haven and West Haven, will chose his successor on Dec. 14.

The state's Office of Policy and Management is investigating the use of the public money. "I believe they're bringing in an independent firm, [an] auditor, to take a look at exactly what went wrong there in West Haven," Lamont said.

"Public integrity is so key," he added.

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford and deputy leader Paul Formica have called on the state to initiate an audit of all 169 cities and towns as a way to restore public confidence that the federal money is being used properly.

There are a number of ways to report instances of public corruption in Connecticut. Tips can be

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Middletown district retains law firm to probe allegations

Administrators accused of harassment, intimidation

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

The Middletown school district has retained Thompson Hine, a law firm with offices across the country, to investigate recent allegations of improper conduct by school administrators.

The investigation will center on allegations submitted to the Middletown Board of Education via email on Oct. 14 and related allegations made following a common council meeting, Cain wrote in an email.

Union representatives have brought allegations of ongoing harassment and intimidation against school administrators.

"Numerous past and present members have come to us with serious concerns about repeated harassment, intimidata-

tion and retaliation by members of Central Office Senior Management," Ann Gregg, president of the local managers union, said while addressing the council on Oct. 14.

"Our members no longer feel safe expressing these concerns through channels provided by the Board of Education and City of Middletown," Gregg said, reading a letter signed by the leaders of UPSEU Local 6457, AFSCME Local 466, the Middletown teachers and paraeducators unions.

The announcement of the investigation Monday comes after a joint statement released Oct. 15 from Middletown Mayor Ben Florsheim, majority leader Eugene Nocera and minority leader Philip Pessina in which they urged the school board to "take immediate steps to ensure such an investigation is initiated, and anticipate full cooperation by all parties involved..."

"The allegations received about conduct at the Middletown public

schools is deeply upsetting and totally inconsistent with Middletown's values — as a city and as a school system. They warrant a full, fair and independent investigation as to their veracity," the statement said.

Superintendent Michael Conner was granted a leave of absence on Oct. 18, according to a school district spokesperson.

Details regarding how the investigation will be conducted, and how to submit information to the law firm, will be released in the coming days, Cain wrote. The investigation team will be led by Glianny Fagundo and Jason Carruthers, labor and employment attorneys, she wrote.

Cain said the investigators will not speak with press or the public as part of the investigation.

Courant staff Jesse Leavenworth, Kaitlin McCallum and Don Stacom contributed to this report.

Officer who returned fire after being shot at is under investigation

Inspector General's office examining incident in Norwich

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

The Office of the Inspector General is investigating a police officer's use of deadly force in an Oct. 26 incident in which the officer reportedly returned fire after being shot at several times in Norwich.

The Norwich officer, later identified as Scott Dupointe, was shot at shortly before 10 p.m. in the area of the Westwood Park housing complex as he was responding to a report of shots being fired there, according to police.

Dupointe observed a person, later identified as Andrew O'Lone, 28, carrying a rifle. According to

Dupointe, O'Lone "began firing multiple shots at the front windshield of his patrol vehicle," police said. Dupointe said he then returned gunfire at O'Lone.

Investigators counted at least seven bullet holes in the front of the cruiser and through its windshield, including several "within inches of the driver's seat" where the officer had been moments earlier, police records show.

Neither Dupointe nor O'Lone were hit during the exchange.

Police later received a phone call from O'Lone's mother, who lives out of state, saying she had just received a phone call from her son that he had shot at police and they had shot back, according to a police report. She advised police that he wanted to surrender and state police made contact

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CONNECTICUT

Manchester nonprofit proposes apartments for disabled clients

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

MANCHESTER — A Manchester organization that serves intellectually and physically disabled people is proposing housing for clients near its headquarters.

MARC Inc. sought feedback from the planning and zoning commission Monday night on a zoning change from industrial to planned residential for part of the five-acre property at 87 Sheldon Road, which the nonprofit organization owns. MARC would keep an industrial lot at the front of the parcel and build several apartment buildings in the

back, town senior planner Megan Pilla said Tuesday.

The initial concept is for 40 units, with 25% dedicated to MARC clients, Pilla said. MARC's attorney, Stephen Penny, said the organization will submit a formal application for the zone change.

MARC bought the vacant land in 2008 for \$450,000, records show. The town appraises the property at \$233,200. The area has been an industrial park since the 1960s, and MARC, which is based at 151 Sheldon Road, had tried to market the parcel at 87 Sheldon without success, Penny said. Properties neighboring 87 Sheldon include the U.S. post office to

the east and a condominium complex to the rear.

MARC now needs more housing to bolster clients' independent living, so the plan is to offer handicap-accessible units to clients at below market rates, Penny said. The rest of the apartments would be offered at market rate rents, he said.

MARC president and CEO Kevin Zingler could not be reached, but according to its mission statement, the organization "provides the opportunity for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live meaningful lives of independence, choice, inclusion, and continuous personal growth."

Planning and zoning commission members, Pilla said, were concerned about losing industrial parcels because not much land is left for such purposes and whether a residential development could be properly set apart to maintain quality of life for residents in an industrial park.

The parcel at the front of 87 Sheldon that remains industrially zoned, Penny said, could host a warehouse business or some other commercial use more compatible with nearby apartments.

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Two shootings in 16 hours in Hartford; one, in daylight, wounds a 19-year-old

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

Hartford police said they are investigating two separate shootings in 16 hours, one of which happened in broad daylight Monday and wounded a 19-year-old.

The first shooting happened in the area of 323 Zion St., they said. The address is in the Behind the Rocks neighborhood, near Trinity College. The second one Tuesday morning happened in Barry Square.

Officers were sent to the Zion Street address about 3:15 p.m. Monday after

receiving an alert from the ShotSpotter gunshot detection system, police said. There was no victim.

About a half-hour later, police learned that a 19-year-old man had arrived at an area hospital to be treated for a gunshot wound that was not considered life-threatening. The wounded man was listed in stable condition, police said.

The second shooting happened sometime before 7 a.m. Tuesday, police said.

A man in his 30s showed up at a city hospital shortly before 7 a.m. to be treated

for a gunshot wound that police said was not life-threatening. Police determined he had been shot at 51 Whitmore St., in the Barry Square neighborhood.

The Major Crimes and Crime Scene divisions are investigating both shootings. Anyone with information is asked to call the police tip line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

The 19-year-old is Hartford's 142nd nonfatal shooting victim of 2021, and the man in his 30s is the 143rd. That brings the number of shooting victims in the

city to the same level as in all of 2019 and in all of 2018, according to police statistics. There were 143 gunshot survivors each year.

But the number is much smaller than the number of survivors last year, which was 225. Some believe the lack of services during the coronavirus pandemic contributed to escalating gun violence in Hartford, around the state and nationwide.

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Mohegan Sun casino. At the time, he was one of three city officials authorized to oversee emergency pandemic spending.

First elected in November 2016, DiMassa had served on the budget-writing appropriations committee, as well as serving on the judiciary and executive nominations committees.

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Weekly positivity rate rises slightly

Hospitalizations down by one

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate increased slightly to 1.75% on Tuesday and hospitalizations diminished by one, according to state data.

Cases and positivity rate

Connecticut on Tuesday reported 412 new COVID-19 cases out of 15,590 tests administered, for a daily positivity rate of 2.64%. The state's weekly positivity rate now stands at 1.75%, higher than it has been in the past week but still lower than what it has been in recent months.

As of Tuesday, Windham County continued to record "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hartford, New Haven, Middlesex, Litchfield and New London Counties had "substantial" levels of transmission, while Fairfield and Tolland Counties had only "moderate" transmission, meaning that residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

Hospitalizations

Connecticut reported 204 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 on Tuesday, a decrease of one individual since Tuesday. Although hospitalizations rose by 15 patients over the weekend, the state's number of COVID-19 hospitalizations has largely fallen in recent weeks.

Deaths

Connecticut reported last Thursday 30 COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,751.

The United States has now recorded 748,037 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

Vaccinations

As of Tuesday, 79.3% of all Connecticut residents and 91% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 70.8% of all residents and 81.3% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. Additionally, 11.1% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

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last very long, either.

"We represented him for about a month and a half," Hughes told The Courant. "I'd give him advice, but he wouldn't take it well. He'd take it, but then he'd do what he wanted to do."

When Trump's casino project in Bridgeport went nowhere, he sold six prime acres back to the city in exchange for \$1 and the waiver of unpaid property taxes at the spot where the baseball stadium for the Bridgeport Bluefish was later constructed.

Former state Rep. Stephen Dargan, the long-time co-chairman of the public safety committee, negotiated with Hughes on scores of bills related to the police over more than two decades.

"Everyone knows him," Dargan said Monday. "He's been around forever."

Known for his love of Ireland, Hughes was an unofficial ambassador who provided tips, maps and stories to travelers who were headed to the Emerald Isle. He was a major fan of The Wolfe Tones, a four-member band that sings songs about Ireland.

Lawmakers, lobbyists and state employees in agencies such as the governor's budget office and the labor department all came together in an Irish network that centered around the band. Although the lawmakers often disagreed in their day jobs, there was a bipartisan level of camaraderie when it came to celebrating their common Irish heritage.

Hughes was one of the major ringleaders of the effort, spreading the word among Republican and Democratic legislators after learning the semi-annual concert dates from newspapers, such as the Irish Echo and the Irish Voice.

For years, Hughes was the most high-profile opponent against the expansion of Sunday sales of liquor at the package stores.

In a compromise after decades of avoiding Sunday sales, the package stores agreed not to fight the legislation in 2012 after Gov. Dannel P. Malloy made a major push for changes in the liquor industry. Malloy had wanted a series of other changes, but the compromise was 52 Sunday openings.

When the Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays were added into the law, Hughes noted those were sunny, warm days with brisk beer and liquor sales.

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The company also plans to sell the tests to schools and workplaces, to be used in regular screening programs. Detect has already had conversations with schools in Connecticut and around the country about partnering to provide the tests, Kaye-Kauderer said.

"We think having Detect tests on-site will be a game-changer for many schools," he said, noting that the tests could be used to rapidly confirm a positive antigen test, or return a test result without requiring a student to quarantine at home while waiting on a laboratory.

President Joe Biden has made the expansion of at-home COVID-19 testing a centerpiece of his efforts to combat the pandemic. Earlier this fall, he announced that he would invoke the Defense Production Act to make 280 million rapid tests and distribute them to community health centers, schools and other facilities across the nation.

The FDA's authorization of the Detect COVID-19 test, issued Friday, was the agency's eleventh authorization of an over-the-counter COVID-19 test. The test is one of only three PCR-quality at-home tests on the market, according to the company.

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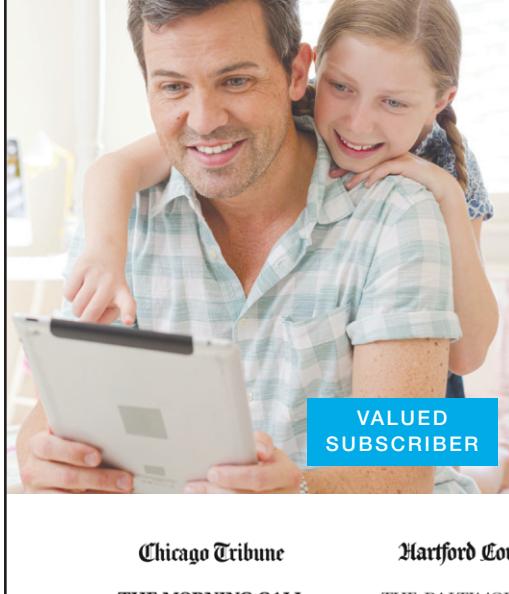
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Joel Gottfried's book "Who's My Daddy" tells the story about his experience finding out his father was not his biological father. TYGER WILLIAMS/THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

'So who's your daddy?'

Shocking results from DNA test send man on search for answers

By Rita Giordano
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Joel Gottfried's relatives never know what to get him for his birthday.

That changed a few years ago, when Gottfried began researching his family tree. He started with his father's parents — Jews who fled hardship and persecution in Europe — and managed to document, in minute detail, their arrival at Ellis Island. He loved it.

So when Gottfried's 69th birthday rolled around in March 2018, his sister Debbie Heller at last had the perfect gift for her big brother. She ordered both of them an at-home genetic test, 23AndMe, so they could explore their genetic history together. It would be fun. When they viewed the results six weeks later, their jaws dropped.

What they had believed all their lives — that they shared the same biological parents — was not true. The results instead showed that they were only half-siblings. While they shared the same mother, they had different fathers.

"So who's your daddy?" Gottfried asked his sister, stunned.

To which she instantly replied: "Who's your daddy?"

The two people who perhaps could've provided answers for them — their parents, George and Tina Gottfried — had died years before. Other older relatives who might've had infor-

mation were long gone too.

"I was shocked to such a degree that it didn't seem real," said Gottfried, who lives in Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania. "I'm a data guy. And here I am looking at data that is very clear — no ambiguity. We were not [full] brother and sister."

At first, both Gottfried and Heller presumed the other sibling was born of the mystery father. But soon, Gottfried admits, he began to believe that the mystery father was probably his.

For one thing, in the siblings' entire extended family, no one is close to 6 feet tall. Yet Gottfried is 6-foot-2 (his dad nicknamed him "Stretch").

And growing up, Gottfried was "an academic whiz kid" who excelled at science and math and for whom school came easily. No one else in his family, he said, had his degree of academic prowess or technical bent (he's an MIT- and Penn-educated software developer).

So he began doggedly pursuing a scientific trail of DNA connections, which he has now chronicled in a self-published book called "Who's My Daddy?"

Gottfried and Heller began the inquiry into their half-sibling status by asking a first cousin, Roy — the son of their father's brother — to undergo a genetic test, which he agreed to do. The results showed that Roy was related to Heller but not Gottfried. Which confirmed for Gottfried that his biological father was not

the big-hearted, hard-working and boisterous Bronx salesman who had loved and raised him.

Eager for more data to analyze, Gottfried submitted his DNA to three more testing companies: Ancestry, Family Tree and My Heritage. Subsequent results genetically linked him to others, to differing degrees, some of whom Gottfried tracked down. Some of them were helpful; others were not. Gottfried just kept plugging.

Along the way, he got wind of an intriguing episode of "This American Life" on PBS, which told the story of a Jewish man, also raised by parents from the lower middle Bronx, who learned late in life that his father wasn't his biological father.

Listening to it, "my jaw just about hit the floor," said Gottfried, who was struck by the story's similarity to his own.

The man had used DNA testing to uncover his genetic history. While his biological dad turned out to be his uncle, he mentioned that he'd once had suspicions about his mother's obstetrician/gynecologist — a big-deal specialist whom his Bronx mom traveled all the way into Manhattan to see.

"Then I realized: Wait a minute. That's the same story as my mom," said Gottfried, who knew that his mother, after marrying his father, had for five years been unable to conceive. She finally conceived Gottfried after consulting a Park Avenue doctor.

"Piece by piece," he said, he discovered a possible link between people who seemed to be related to him — and people who were somewhere in the branches of the doctor's family tree.

Finally, two people provided the breaks his investigation needed.

The first was a man named David Levine, whom tests indicated was Gottfried's second cousin. When they connected, Levine had interesting information: The doctor who'd treated Gottfried's mother was Levine's father's first cousin.

The second was a woman from California named Maimoona Ahmed who agreed to take a DNA test to help Gottfried uncover his own identity. She turned out to be Gottfried's biological first cousin. Her father and the doctor had been brothers.

And at long last, Gottfried said, he knew who had fathered him.

Exactly how that came to be, Gottfried does not know. He said he cannot imagine it was infidelity on his mother's part.

Once he made his discovery, Gottfried sought to learn what he could about the doctor, a respected physician with a prestigious clientele whom Ahmed, his niece, remembers with great affection and esteem.

"The whole family always put him on a pedestal. We adored him," said Ahmed, 77, of the doctor, who died in 2001. "He was so handsome, so charming."

Gottfried said he was able to identify and then contact the doctor's now-adult children; he says they did not respond to his request to connect. But Gottfried has gotten to know four of his newly discovered second cousins and two first cousins, especially Ahmed, with whom he spent a day while in California a couple of years ago.

"It was like a whole lifetime to catch up on," he said.

Gottfried's journey has only tightened his bond with his sister, Debbie Heller, who stayed by his side through every twist of his investigation.

"We've always been close, but this drew us even closer," he said. "She was so supportive in helping me through this."

And in his heart, George Gottfried — the dad who raised him to respect the working man, who passed on his zany sense of humor, who made him feel protected and loved — is still very much his father.

"His sperm was not used to create me, but he was my father in every sense of the word," Gottfried said.

He's glad for the revelations of the past few years, he said. They've made him more appreciative of his unique life.

"Because you know what? As bizarre as this was, I do cherish who I am, and I'm happy with who I am," he said. "I have my mother. I have my father who raised me. I have the father whose sperm started me off. It all came together, and I am happy with who I am. And I wanted to tell the story."

EX-ETIQUETTE

Talk to dad if you're concerned about son's mystery bruises

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q. My 7-year-old son continually comes back from his father's home with bruises on his knees and shins. I have asked my son where they come from, and he doesn't seem to know. Although his father was quite conscientious when we were together, I'm still very concerned. I think

my son may be covering for his father and I'm wondering if I should call Child Protective Services to check into it. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. Good ex-etiquette is, "good behavior after a breakup." Part of that good behavior asks us not to be suspicious when there is an obvious answer. Your son is 7. I've never met a 7-year-old boy who doesn't have a bruise or bump. He proba-

bly fell while playing. But more important, you have to ask yourself why your first thought was to call CPS and not his dad. This tells me you aren't looking for blame and fault — and that's not going to get you anywhere.

Parents with a grudge may think if they report the other parent enough, that parent might lose custody and they will have the child

to themselves. It's rare that tactic works.

I can tell you working together will be far more beneficial for your son than a CPS worker going to his school, pulling him out of class and asking how he got the bruises on his legs.

This is not to say bruises are not an indicator of abuse or neglect. Of course, they are, and sometimes children are afraid to tell the perpetrator and lie

about what has happened. Parents must stay vigilant.

If a parent was abusive when you were together, it's likely there is a problem, and CPS would be the logical agency to go to for help.

Although I do not know the back story, your situation does not sound abusive or neglectful to me. Start talking to each other. Compare notes. Enjoy talking together about your son's antics.



DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES**Cardi B selected to host AMAs show**

From news services

Cardi B has won five American Music Awards and performed on the telecast during her career so far. Next step: hosting the show.

The rapper behind such hits as "Bodak Yellow" and "Money" has been tapped to host the fan-voted awards show airing Nov. 21 on ABC. "When I received the invite to host the AMAs, I was so excited," Cardi B said in a statement. "I'm ready to bring my personality to the AMAs stage!"

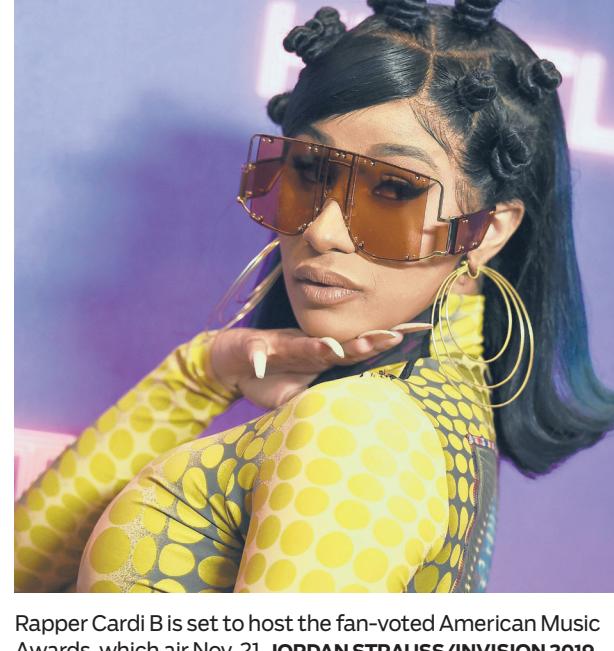
"We are immensely excited to have the dynamic Cardi B bring her infectious energy to the American Music Awards as a first-time host," said executive producer Jesse Collins in a statement Tuesday.

Olivia Rodrigo is the leading nominee with seven nods, including artist of the year and new artist of the year. The Weeknd has six nominations, going up against Rodrigo in the artist of the year category along with BTS, Ariana Grande, Drake and Taylor Swift.

Shakur subject of exhibit: Tupac Shakur's handwritten lyrics from classic songs such as "California Love" and "Dear Momma" along with galleries that pay homage to his upbringing and late mother are among the features in a massive touring museum exhibit.

The Shakur Estate announced Tuesday that "Tupac Shakur: Wake Me When I'm Free" will open Jan. 21 in Los Angeles. The exhibit is described as a fully immersive, thought-provoking museum experience that explores the life and legacy of the late rapper.

Shakur, one of the most prolific figures in hip-hop, died from gunshot wounds in 1996 at age 25.



Rapper Cardi B is set to host the fan-voted American Music Awards, which air Nov. 21. **JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION 2019**

The exhibit is expected to spend six months in Los Angeles with the hopes of touring other cities. The 20,000-square-foot exhibit will showcase Shakur's music, poetry, wardrobe, activism journey and other items.

Stewart engaged to Meyer: Kristen Stewart is engaged to screenwriter Dylan Meyer. The actor, 31, announced the news on "The Howard Stern Show" on Tuesday.

"We're marrying, it's happening," Stewart said.

She also revealed that Meyer did the proposing.

"I wanted to be proposed to, so I think I very distinctly carved out what I wanted, and she nailed it," Stewart said.

The two started dating in 2019 after they met at a mutual friends' party and bonded over having grown up in Los Angeles.

Obama, Shahidi to speak with college students:

Michelle Obama's next promotion for her memoir "Becoming" will center on college students.

The former first lady will appear Tuesday with "black-ish" actor

Yara Shahidi from Prince George's Community College in Maryland for a livestream conversation with students from 22 schools throughout the country.

BET plans to televise the event at a later date.

Singer Fakhri dies: One of the Arab world's most famous singers, Sabah Fakhri, 88, who entertained generations with traditional songs and preserved extinct forms of Arabic music, has died, Syria's government said Tuesday. His cause of death was not immediately clear. Fakhri was a world-class Tarab singer, an Arabic form of music associated with emotional evocation that could last for hours.

Nov. 3 birthdays: Radio host Shadore Stevens is 74. Actor Kathy Kinney is 67. Actor Kate Capshaw is 68. Comedian Dennis Miller is 68. Sportscaster Phil Simms is 66. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 64. Actor Julie Berman is 38. Actor Antonia Thomas is 35. Musician Courtney Barnett is 34. Model Kendall Jenner is 26.

**ASK AMY****By Amy Dickinson**

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Teacher tackles a lost-and-found cold case

Dear Amy: I am a recently retired teacher in the Central N.Y. area, and I'm in a bit of a quandary.

Years ago, a student brought in a rare collection of objects belonging to his grandfather. He left them behind when he exited my classroom, so I put them in my desk drawer to give to him later.

I completely forgot to hand them off to him all those years ago, and while cleaning out before retirement in June, I came across them, with no memory of who this boy is!

I believe these items are worth quite a bit of money and I want to return them, however, I've completely blanketed out on who brought them in!

What should I do with these?

My husband suggested selling them and giving the proceeds to a worthy charity. I like the idea, but they are not mine to sell. Thoughts?

— Teacher in a Quandary

Dear Teacher: You should make more of an effort to find the rightful owner of these heirlooms before you decide on next steps.

I suggest using social media to try to find the child who originally left these items with you. It will be a great test of the reach and positive connections that are enabled when you ask for help solving a mystery.

You could start by posting this Q&A on Facebook.

Your school likely has a Facebook page that will permit a posting. Your local area or township might have a community listserv that will publish your query.

Also reach out to fellow

teachers, the PTA and any other parent and alumni groups affiliated with your school district.

You could post a photo of one of the objects, which might jog some memories.

(If the owner emerges, you could ask them to identify other objects in the collection in order to verify the ownership.) Ask others to share your post.

There have been some truly impressive lost-and-found stories (of wedding rings found on beaches or old photographs that cry out for identifying). You have an advantage because you are dealing with a known community of staff, students and parents.

I'd love to think that your effort will eventually become a great lost-and-found success story, and I hope you'll keep in touch to let readers know how things turned out.

Dear Amy: My husband and I have a disabled child whose needs are complex. We have been blessed to find a reliable, kind and hardworking caregiver, "Shelly," who is a wonderful fit for us.

Unfortunately, Shelly is also very creative and generous. She makes us food, clothes and items of home decor, none of which suit our needs or taste.

She eagerly expects us to eat, wear or prominently display her gifts, into which she obviously puts a great deal of effort.

I have tried subtly mentioning that my diet is strict or that my skin is sensitive to certain fabrics or that the knickknacks on my shelves collect dust, but to no avail.

Today, Shelly showed up with a huge, homemade

holiday sculpture for our front yard.

How can I clearly discourage her generosity without hurting her feelings?

— Overwhelmed in Georgia

Dear Overwhelmed: "Shelly" is obviously a kind person, but you should set some firmer boundaries.

Sit down with her. Say, "This is awkward and hard to bring up, but I hope you understand. We are so lucky and grateful to have you with us. We value you so much. But we really cannot continue to accept any more gifts from you. Your gift to us is the wonderful care you provide, and that's all we want or need."

I don't think this will necessarily stop the heaping helpings of food and gifts, but it might slow her down. Readers may want to weigh in.

Dear Amy: "I Don't Get It" was texting with his date for that night, and when she didn't respond to one of his texts, he dropped her! I can't believe you agreed with him.

— Upset

Dear Upset: The couple had confirmed plans. She didn't respond to his text on the day, but then responded very late that night as if nothing was going on.

It is easy to retrace a text trail to see who dropped the ball. She was sending a pretty clear message.

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

It may be tempting to treat partnerships like power struggles — instead, think of them as alliances. A close colleague could be on your side today. One of you can take bold risks while the other can polish any rough diamonds you discover.

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

A burning desire to find a kindred spirit may have let you down in the past. That probably won't be the case now, however, as you could meet someone who ticks all your boxes. If you're uncertain you want to give this person full admittance into your inner circle, stick to light topics.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

You can attract admirers wherever you go at the moment! Instead of brushing off any compliments, drink them in. This praise could give you the confidence you need to launch a daring creative project and inspire all sorts of clever ideas for a fresh spin on an outmoded style.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

Family can be a tremendous source of pleasure right now, as a close relative may offer emotional support for a bold endeavor. You might be reaching out to connect with someone new, going on an extended vacation, or starting a home-based business.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 3, 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

Your star power could be intimidating, Leo! Playing a supportive role for today may be greatly appreciated by a shy friend. Using your charm to draw attention to their intelligence, grace, and excellent taste could even help them land a job or make new friends. Your generous spirit can be in full evidence today.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

A chance to increase your income could fall right into your lap, and you may enjoy the chance to work alongside an expert who benefits from your specialized skills. While you might find their methods strange, refrain from criticism until you can see the method.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

All eyes are on you right now! Someone may try to win your friendship with a variety of outrageous gestures, and the less you react, the more intense they could become. You can have a very fun time with this vigorous game of cat and mouse. It's not your fault you're so charming.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Getting involved in a charitable endeavor could be a great use of your time today, as helping others can put your own problems in perspective. You may discover a wonderful talent for that would be greatly appreciated by a volunteer organization with limited resources.

In 1954, the Japanese

monster movie "Godzilla" was released by Toho Co.

In 1992, Democrat Carol

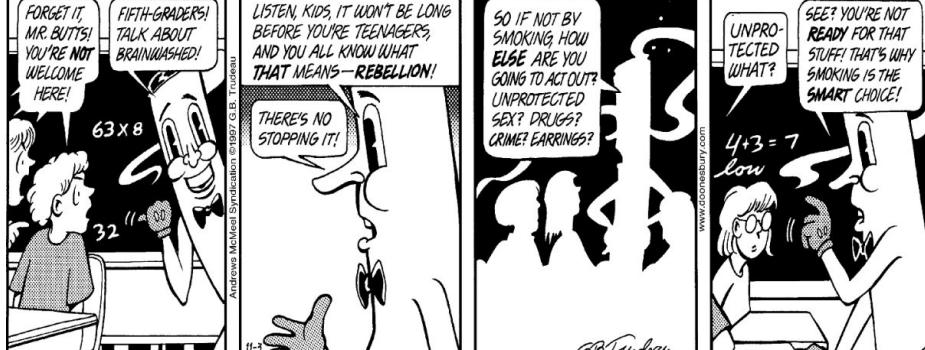
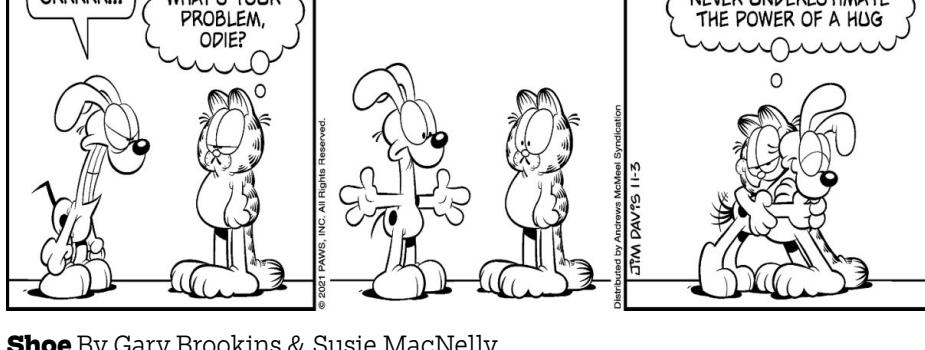
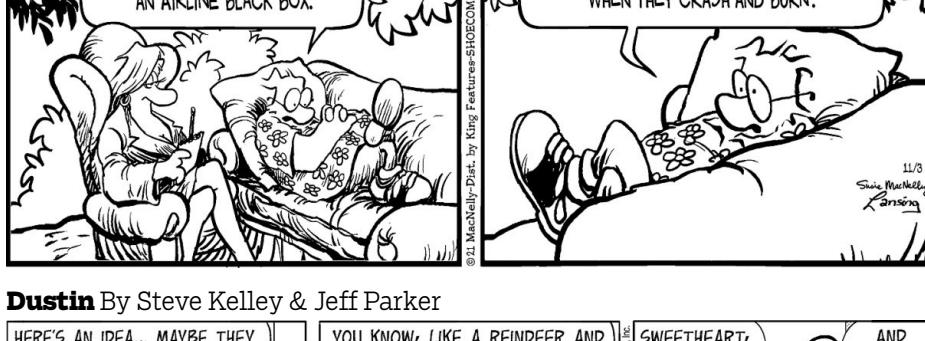
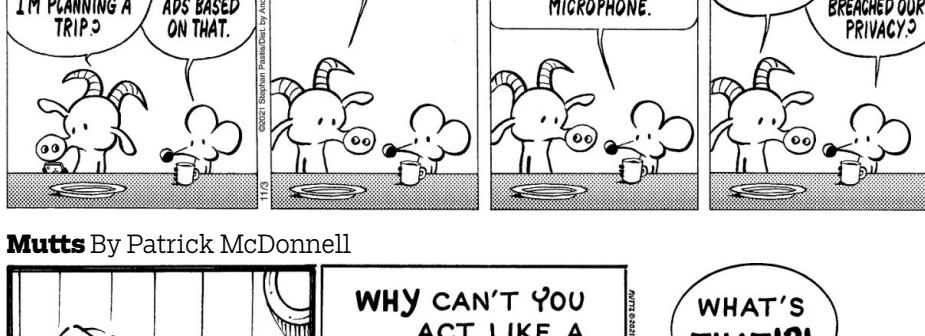
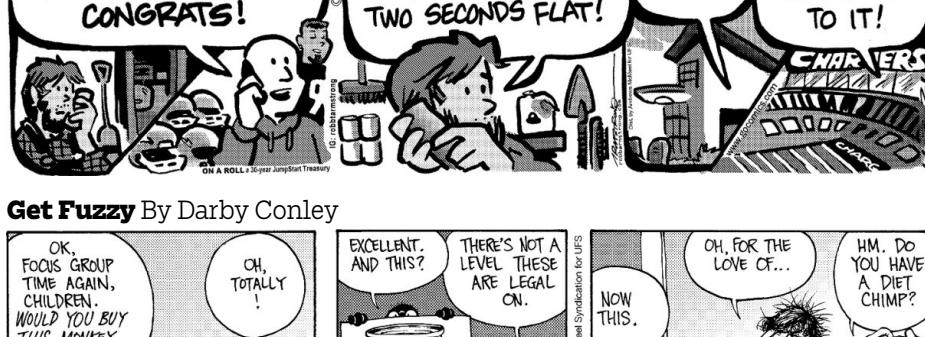
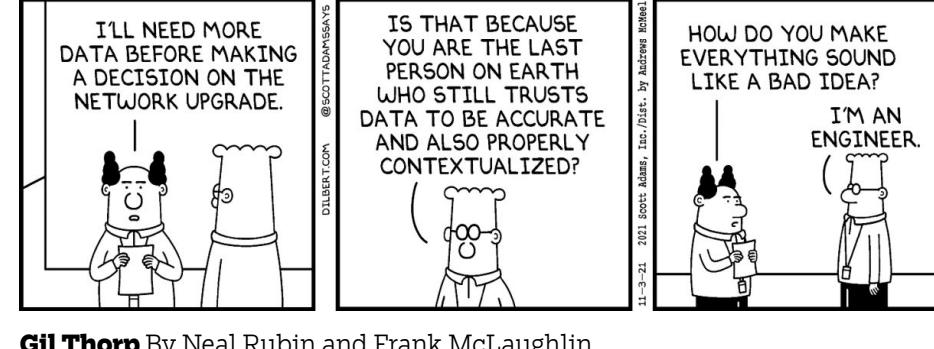
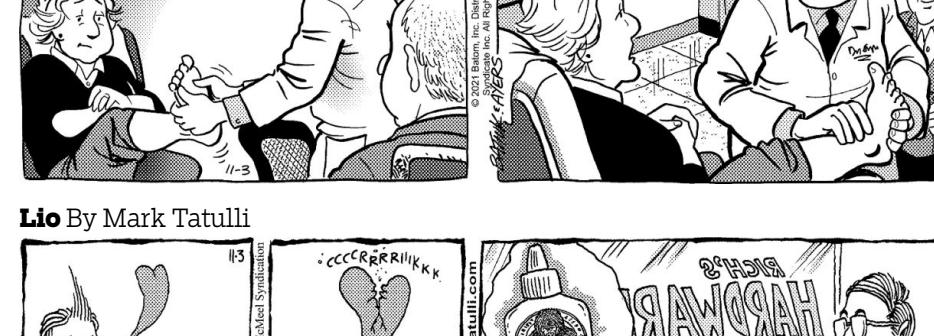
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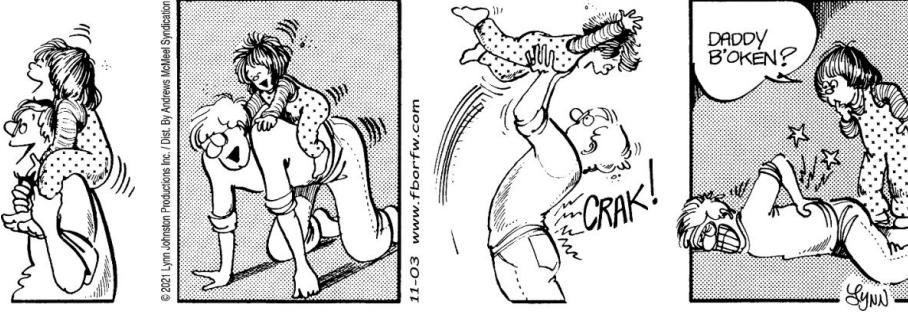
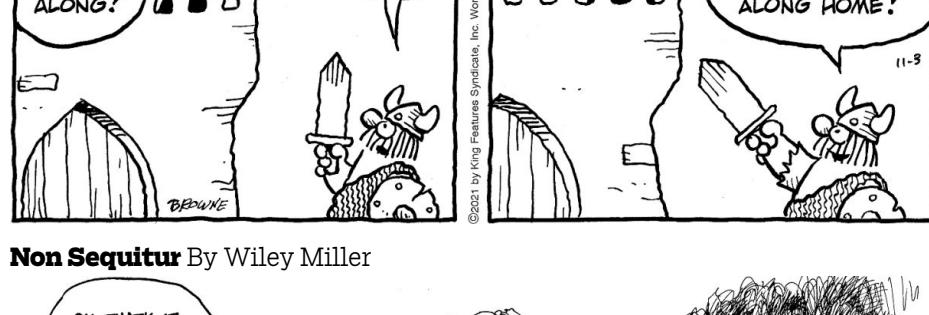
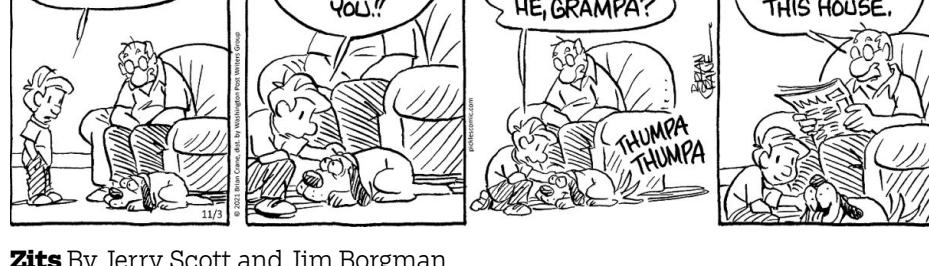
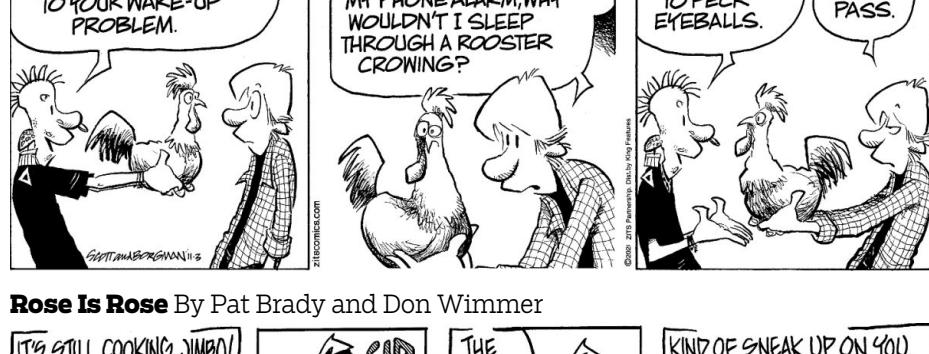
In 1997, the Supreme Court

let stand California's Proposition 209, which banned race and gender preference in hiring and school admissions.

In 2004, President George W. Bush claimed a re-election mandate a day after more than 62 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry; Kerry conceded defeat in Ohio rather than launch a legal fight.

In 2020, Democrat Joe Biden won the presidency in an election that saw more than 103 million Americans vote early.

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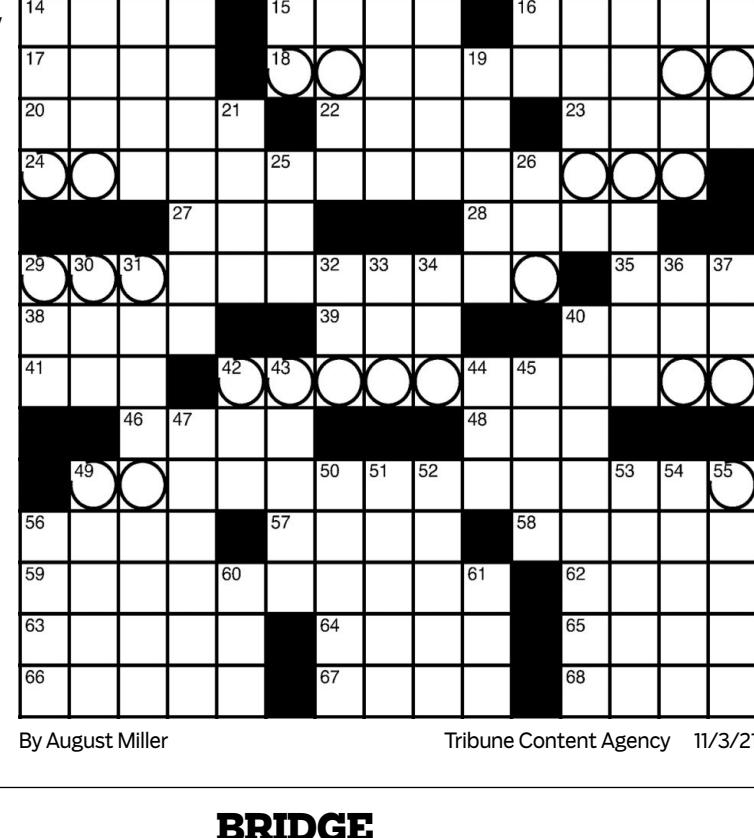
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Across

- 1 Site-hop, Webwise
5 Watched closely
9 Beetle relative
14 "Small world"
15 Fish that ought to go well with a cobbler?
16 Paddled
17 Not at all biased
18 Yeast-free loaf
20 Au courant, with "in"
22 Common lunch hour
23 Instrument for Este Haim of the pop rock trio Haim
24 Opposite of a roast
27 "When They See Us" creator DuVernay
28 Become less brilliant, as colors
29 Fictional legal secretary
35 Org. impacted by the Real ID Act
38 "CHiPs" actor Estrada
39 Kitten's cry
40 Place in an overhead bin, say
41 Not looking good
42 Three-horned dinosaur
46 Self-__
48 Hoppy brew letters
49 Job for the police
56 DEA agent
57 Valley
58 Application of small drops
59 Over-powered ... or how the Across
- answers with circles might be described?
62 Bends
63 Surg. holding area
64 Save for later, as a TV show
65 Pacific salmon
66 Puts in the work for
67 Appear
68 Suffix with Jumbo
- 7 "Silas Marner" author
8 Interior design
9 Role
10 iPod accessory
11 Showed, as a good time
12 Rag on
13 Puts into the mix
19 Carver's tool
21 Soprano superstar
25 Rapper Lil __ X
26 Upside-down sleeper
29 Dawn phenomenon
30 Slice of history
31 Author who wrote the Thongor fantasy series
32 "That's enough!"
33 Word with hall or room
34 Woolly mama
36 Unruly head of hair

Down

- 1 What Germany has that Greece doesn't?
2 DIY mover
3 Mighty mammal with keratin horns
4 Rite of passage involving hot embers
5 Law firm abbr.
6 Kits and cubs



By August Miller Tribune Content Agency 11/3/21

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.**NORTH**

♦ A 4 2
♥ A 10 4 3
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A Q

WEST

♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ 9 6
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ K 7 4

EAST

♠ K 7 6 5
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ 10 6
♣ 8 5 2

SOUTH

♠ J 9
♥ Q 5
♦ A 7 4
♣ J 10 9 6 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass
3 NT

Opening lead — three of spades.

Anticipatory declarer play

Declarer frequently cannot avoid betraying his intentions as he proceeds with the play, making it easier for the defenders to frustrate his plan.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade. East wins with the king and returns the spade five, West covering declarer's jack with the queen. Let's assume declarer ducks again, wins the spade continuation with the ace and plays the A-Q of clubs.

If West were an obliging soul, he would take the club queen with the king and cash his spade trick. But that would be the last trick for the defense, since South would then score four clubs, three diamonds, a heart and a spade for nine tricks.

If West were a more ornery critter, though, he would not take the queen of clubs with the king, and South would eventually fail. He would go down one after leading a diamond to the ace and attempting a heart finesse, losing three

spades, a heart and a club all told. However, there's another side to the story. South should realize that playing the A-Q of clubs is tantamount to shouting from the rooftops that he has a string of clubs ready to run after the king is gone.

So, to counteract the possibility of uncooperative defense, South should lead the queen of clubs rather than the ace at trick four. If he does this, he gets home safely, whether or not the queen is ducked.

If the queen is refused, declarer next leads a diamond to the ace and tries the heart finesse. In the actual deal, the heart finesse loses, but South finishes with one spade, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs to come to nine tricks. In the process, West's king of clubs simply goes up in smoke.

Tomorrow: Making the most of your chances.**JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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TIYDT

LEMSLY

DTEOMS



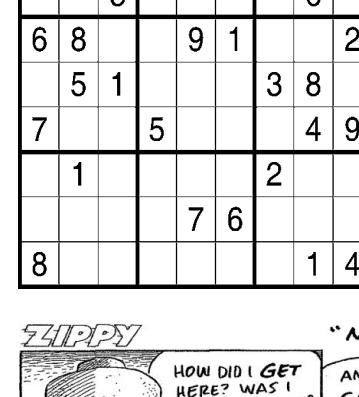
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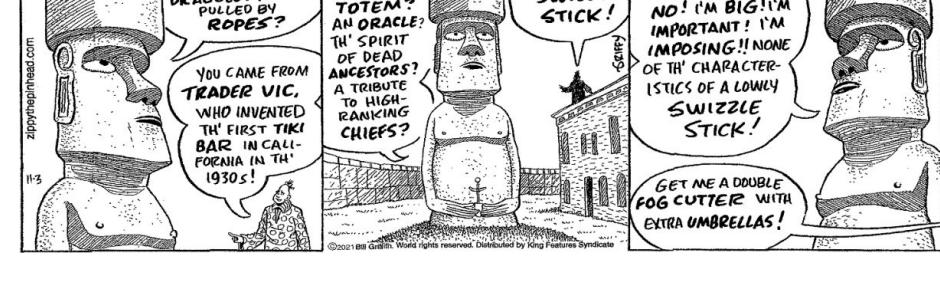
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VIVID ALLEY SLEEPY LEEWAY

Answer: Autumn is the time of year when the LEAVES LEAVE

TODAY'S SUDOKUComplete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box (bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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V	A	N	P	O	O	L	D	A	R	K	W	E
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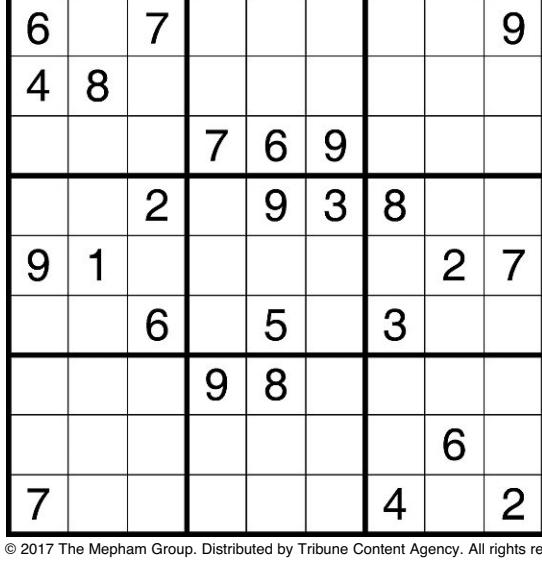
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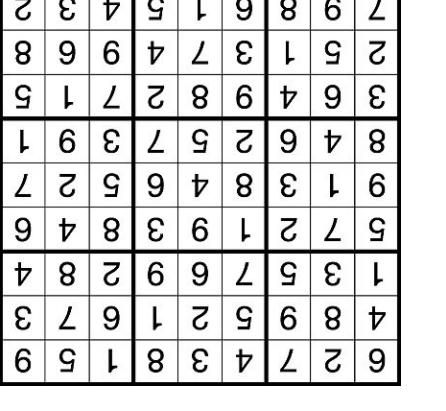
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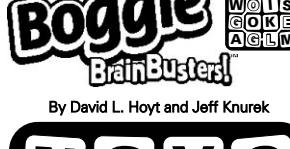
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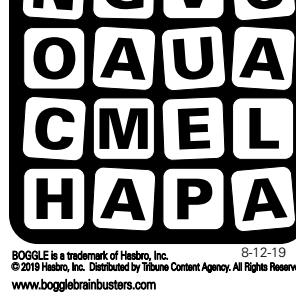


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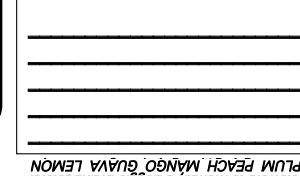
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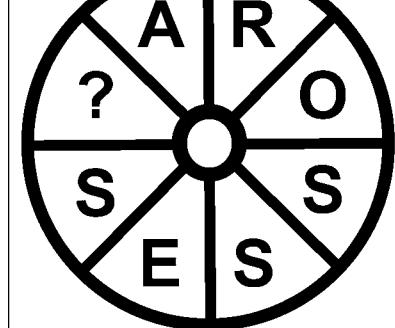
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Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: towns and cities

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

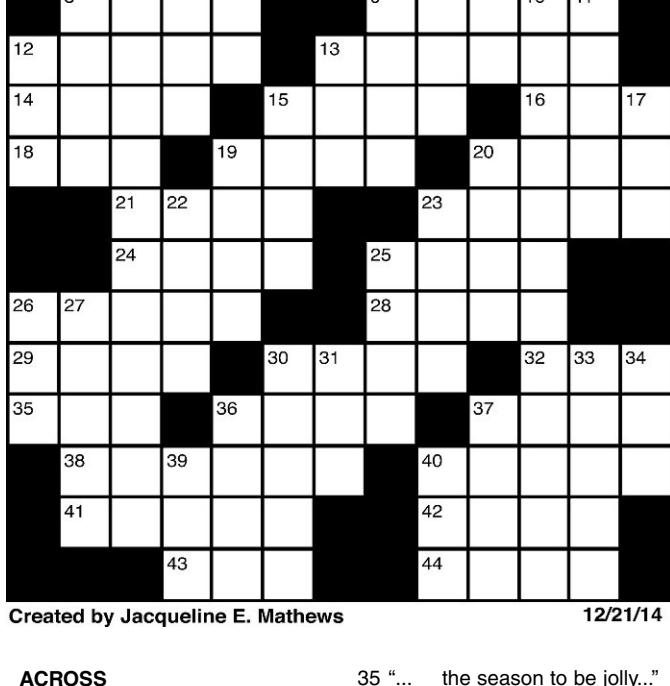


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BARCELONA	LA PAZ	QUEBEC	TOBRUK
BERLIN	LISBON	RENO	TOKYO
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ACROSS

1 Sherman Hemsley sitcom
5 Newhart or Barker
8 Founding host of NBC's "Today"
— Garroway
9 "Breaking __"
12 Gave a traffic ticket to
13 George Burns and __ Allen
14 Cauldrons
15 Will __ of "The Waltons"
16 __ About You"
18 Particle of soot
19 __ Make a Deal"
20 __ the Explorer"
21 Sher of "The Middle"
23 "The Full __", hit movie starring Robert Carlyle
24 "Days of __ and Roses"; film for Jack Lemmon
25 Alan Alda sitcom
26 Drink served warm
28 "Zip __-Doo-Dah"
29 Ladd or Thicke
30 "Daddy Day __"; Eddie Murphy movie
32 "Now I __ me down to sleep..."

35 "...__ the season to be jolly..."
36 Actress Sheedy
37 Up to the task
38 "National __"; Liz Taylor movie
40 Classic sandwich cookies
41 __ the Tiger"; theme song for "Rocky III"
42 Actor Bruce __
43 Roll __; stick deodorant alternatives
44 Cooking herb

DOWN

1 "Bye, Pedro!"
2 Role on "Chicago Fire"
3 Arden and Plumb
4 __ and Stacey"
5 Express
6 Sharif or Epps
7 Pen name
10 Actor on "The Big Bang Theory"
11 "The __ Is a Lonely Hunter"
12 Expert financial auditor, for short
13 __ Smart"
15 Rayburn of "The Match Game"
17 One __ at a Time"
19 Singer __ Horne
20 Medicinal amount
22 Singer Celine __
23 __ of Honor"; Patrick Dempsey movie

25 " __ Poppins"
26 Felix or Garfield
27 Popeye's love

30 Treble __; musical symbols

31 Model and actress Carol __

33 "Home __"; film for Macaulay Culkin

34 __ Dear"
36 Cosmetics brand

37 __ code; start of a phone number

39 __ G. Carroll of "Topper"

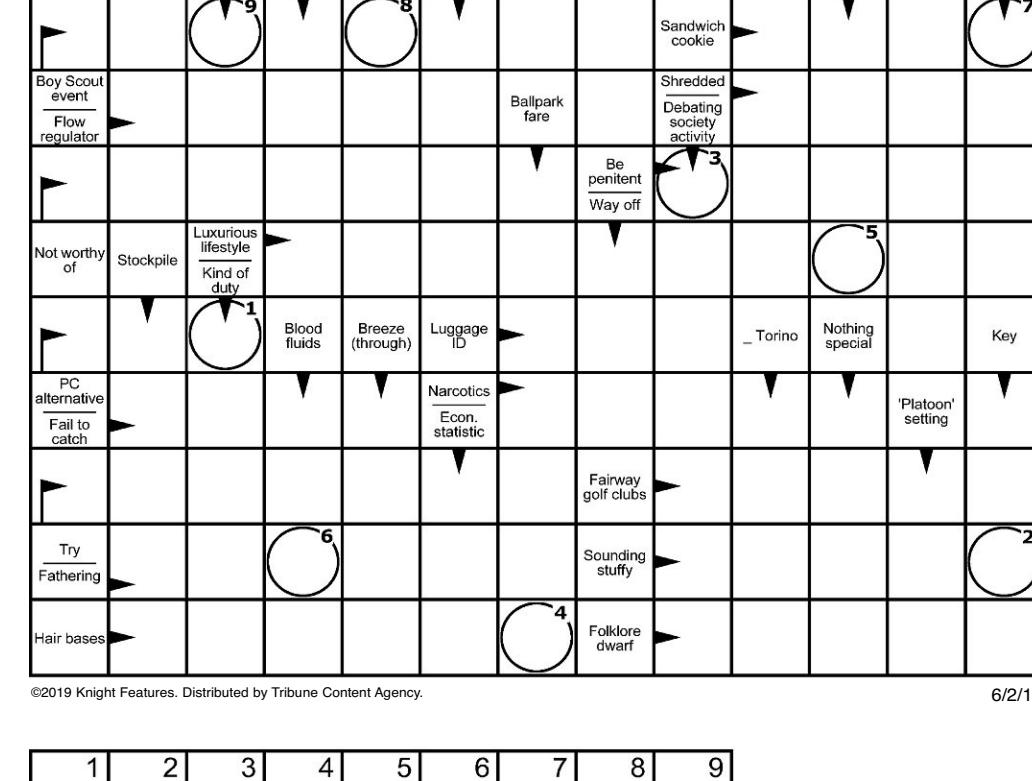
40 Drug tragedies, for short

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ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

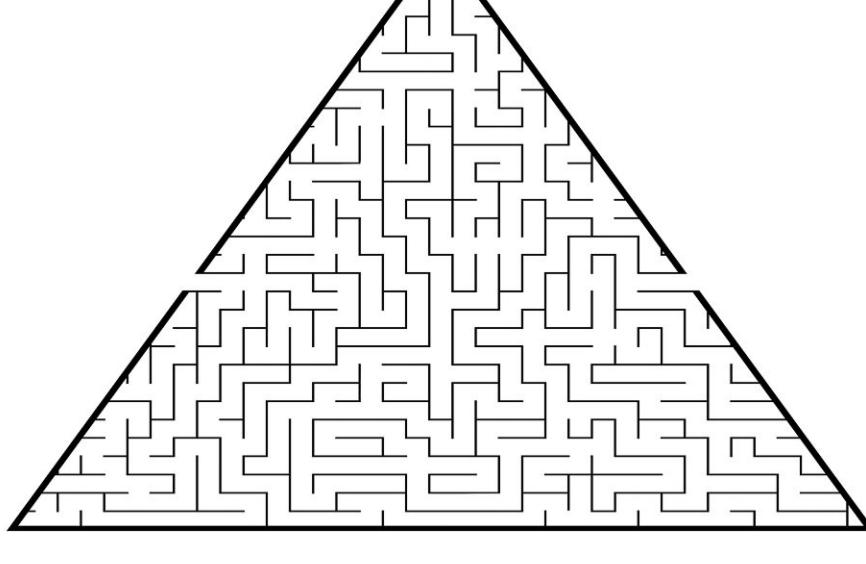


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GIANTS

Getting an earful

Judge rants about faulty headsets after Giants loss to Chiefs

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Judge's frustration boiled over in Monday night's postgame press conference, but not with his own players' costly mistakes in the clutch.

Judge instead spent a couple minutes venting about malfunctions with the coaches' headsets. He said it's been happening all season and it cost the Giants two

Up next
 

Raiders at Giants

1 p.m. Sunday, CBS

■ Inside: Jets add Wilson's personal QB coach Beck to staff. **Page 4**

first half timeouts in a 20-17 loss to the Chiefs.

"The headsets were going out," Judge said. "We are having headset issues. This has happened in every game so far. We deal with the league and they keep telling us there are different software updates or whatever it is. But we had to call two timeouts because

we were trying to send the deals in personnel-wise and you got half of the headsets not getting reception."

Judge added: "Whatever the issue with that is, the people involved better get it fixed fast."

The NFL told the Daily News in a statement that the league has not been able to "identify an issue" from Monday night's game.

"We were not made aware of any issues during the game from the club through our standard communication channels that are used to identify gameday issues," the NFL said.

Turn to Giants, Page 4



Giants head coach Joe Judge talks to line judge Rusty Baynes during the second half of a game against the Chiefs on Monday in Kansas City, Mo.

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CELTICS

Early on, at a loss

Instead of being an Eastern Conference sleeper, Celtics appear to have no idea how to win

By Gary Washburn
Boston Globe

BOSTON — What is most disconcerting and bewildering about the Celtics' 2-5 start and Monday's embarrassing fourth-quarter performance is that new coach Ime Udoka has no idea why it's happening and what to do about it.

He's as confused as everybody else in the organization.

These are your 2021-22 Boston Celtics, a team with immense talent and absolutely no idea how to win.

They have lost two games in double overtime, both of which they should have won. They were blasted at home by Toronto. They fell apart down the stretch against the Wizards, and then there was Monday's debacle, where the Celtics led, 96-77, late in the third quarter only to be outscored by 31 points the rest of the way in a 128-114 loss to the Bulls.

The Bulls took the Celtics' heart, outscoring them, 39-11, in the fourth quarter. They forced the Celtics into submission with their defense and then kept running the same dribble-handoff play to Zach LaVine that resulted in easy layups.

LaVine, a prolific athlete, is capable of making layups against multiple defenders. Yet the Celtics kept allowing the Bulls to run the same play, and then DeMar DeRozan came in to hit three more buckets and the Bulls were laughing in the Celtics face.

In one late-game moment, DeRozan squatted as he attempted a dagger 3-pointer in front of the Bulls bench, looking back at his teammates as it swished through. His teammates were giggling in delight.

"I think it was probably toward the end of the third," Udoka said of the beginning of the collapse. "We stopped playing as hard as we were. We started to relax. We got a little cute, careless. Some nights you deserve to lose when you don't take the game seriously. We

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WORLD SERIES GAME 6

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

The Braves' Max Fried commits a fielding error as Michael Brantley of the Astros safely reaches first base during the first inning in Game 6 of the World Series at Minute Maid Park on Tuesday in Houston. The game ended too late for this edition. **For result and complete coverage, go to courant.com/sports.**

YANKEES

Bullpen helped Bombers in 2021. What about next season?

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The lasting images of the Yankees 2021 season may well be of Gerrit Cole standing on the mound on a cold October night telling his catcher, "I'm done. I'm done." The Yankees ace was trying to get Kyle Higashio to turn the page on a disaster, focus on the task ahead before he walked off the mound with the fans at Fenway going nuts chanting his name mockingly.

It was just the third inning of the American League Wild Card Game and the Bombers already had their

bullpen arms lined up and ready. When Aaron Boone pulled the trigger, it was a surprise how quick it happened. In a way, it set the tone for the rest of the playoffs, especially this World Series, where starting pitching has taken a back seat to the bullpen arms.

So far in the battle between the Astros and Braves, no starter has completed more than five innings and there have been no fewer than 10 pitchers used. In a strange season, coming off the 2020 COVID-19 shortened season, pitchers injuries due to the short workload last year there were just four starters (Zack Wheeler,

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Carlos Correa just the kind of big splash flexible Red Sox need to consider. **Page 2**

Walker Buehler, Adam Wainwright and Sandy Alcantara) who reached 200 innings.

This season and this World Series has been hearkened as the death of starting pitching and the beginning of the dominance of the relievers. That may be a little simplistic, after all the Yankees did not sign Cole to go five and out in big games, but the Yankees were building up for bullpenning way

back in 2019 when they committed to Aroldis Chapman, Zack Britton and Adam Ottavino as their big 2018 spends.

So, heading into 2022, how are the Yankees set up for that?

Overall, pitching was the Bombers' strength this season and the bullpen was their saving grace for most of the season. The emergence of Jonathan Loaisiga from multi-inning swingman to a high-leverage, late-inning reliever was a big development. Turning Clay Holmes, who came from Pittsburgh in a deadline trade

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Giants: Raiders, Sunday,

1 p.m.

Jets: at Colts, Thursday,

8:20 p.m.

Celtics: at Magic,

Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at

Heat, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.;

at Mavericks, Saturday,

8:30 p.m.

Knicks: at Pacers,

Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at

Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.;

Cavaliers, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Nets: Hawks, Wednesday,

7:30 p.m.; at Pistons,

Friday, 7 p.m.; at Raptors,

Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

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Saturday, 7 p.m.; Boston

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Senators, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

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Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at

Flames, Saturday, 10 p.m.;

Panthers, Monday, 7 p.m.

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Scranton, Saturday,

7 p.m.; at Bridgeport,

Sunday, 3 p.m.

TV/RADIO**BASEBALL****8 p.m.:** World Series

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BASKETBALL**7 p.m.:** Boston Celtics at

Orlando Magic. (Live),

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7 p.m.: New York Knicks

at Indiana Pacers. (Live),

MSG.

7:30 p.m.: Atlanta Hawks

at Brooklyn Nets. (Live),

ESPN, YES.

10:05 p.m.: Charlotte

Hornets at Golden State

Warriors. (Live) ESPN

FOOTBALL**7 p.m.:** Northern Illinois at

Kent State. (Live) ESPN2

7 p.m.: Central Michigan

at Western Michigan.

(Live) ESPNU

HOCKEY**10 p.m.:** St. Louis Blues at

Los Angeles Kings. (Live)

TNT

SOCER**3:50 p.m.:** Fútbol UEFA

Champions League (Live)

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6 p.m.: Teams TBA.

(Taped) ACC

8 p.m.: ACC Tournament

- Virginia at Wake Forest.

(Live) ACC

VOLLEYBALL**8 p.m.:** Womens College:

Alabama at Mississippi

State. (Live) SEC

Yankees

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with a plus-five ERA, into a dominant reliever was another strong sign for 2022. Chad Green continued to be an effective high-leverage reliever and should be counted on to help at the back end in 2022.

They have two decisions to make on options by the fifth day after the World Series. Side-arm Darren O'Day, who had left hamstring surgery, has a player option for 2022. He is 39 and not expected to be pitching off a mound until April.

Joely Rodriguez, the lefty the Yankees got in the deal that brought them Joey Gallo, has a team option for 2022.

But the Yankees do go into 2022 with question marks over their two highest-paid relievers.

Will 34-year-old sinkerballer Zack Britton be able to overcome Tommy John surgery and return to pitch at all next year? The Yankees had an unusual deal with Britton, which forced them to pick up the option for the 2022 season five days after the 2020 World Series ended. Now, the Yankees will pay Britton \$14 million with the hope he can get back in September of next season.

And can Chapman rebound from one of the worst years of his 12-year career? The 33-year-old closer finished with a 3.36 ERA and allowed nine home runs, both the highest he's had in MLB. He also had one of the worst walk rates (15.6%) of any pitcher in baseball. He still managed 30 saves and he struck out 97 in 56.1 innings pitched.

RED SOX

Correa would be big splash Sox need

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

list.
Boston clearly needed pitching help after the 2015 season. He traded for Craig Kimbrel and signed David Price. When more pitching was required a year later, Dombrowski traded for Chris Sale. When the lineup looked a little thin, he signed J.D. Martinez.

It worked. The Sox won three division championships and a World Series under Dombrowski.

Chaim Bloom was hired to do more zigging and zagging, and that has worked, too. He stole Nick Pivetta from the Phillies, found Garrett Whitlock in the Rule 5 Draft, and signed Kiké Hernández to what now looks like an ultra-team friendly two-year, \$14 million deal.

The vaunted financial flexibility the Sox have been touting for two years has been attained. Dustin Pedroia's \$13.75 million is now off the books and the \$16 million they're still paying on Price ends after 2022.

Martinez probably won't bolt. He's 34, and his offen-



Astros shortstop Carlos Correa hits an RBI-double during the third inning against the Braves in Game 5 of the World Series on Sunday at Truist Park in Atlanta. CURTIS COMPTON/TNS

sive numbers have slipped from the powerhouse he was from 2018–19. He's also an increasingly one-dimensional player as his time in the outfield drops.

Martinez also would have to make his decision a few days after the World Series without knowing for sure there will be a universal designated hitter for next season.

But in recent weeks, teams believe Martinez will be on the market seeking a multi-year deal, and would leave open the option of returning to Boston on a new contract.

The Sox should be root-

ing for Martinez to go. His salary can be repurposed by keeping Kyle Schwarber to DH and helping to make a run at a star player like Correa.

Correa was the best defensive shortstop in baseball this season and would instantly improve how well the Red Sox turn ground balls into outs.

Bogaerts would shift to second base, a position he has never officially played, but has essentially played often in shifts the last two seasons. He looks comfortable on the right side of the infield, something manager

Alex Cora commented on several times during the season.

Correa's range and strong arm also would make things easier for Devers defensively, something the Sox clearly need to address.

It would take a lot of diplomacy on Cora's part to get Bogaerts to accept Correa. But Bogaerts understands that he's not going to play shortstop for the rest of his career. Whether it's third base or somewhere else, he's eventually going to move.

A 6-foot-2-inch, 220-pound second baseman would be unusual. But given how often teams shift, does it matter? Second basemen are often in short right field, or playing so far over to the right side that they're not going to turn double plays regardless.

Adding Correa to a lineup that includes Bogaerts, Devers, Hernández, Schwarber, Alex Verdugo, Bobby Dalbec, and Hunter Renfroe would give the Red Sox a group with a lot of ways to score. It also turns Christian Arroyo into more of a utility player, which is probably the role that suits him best.

METS

After shuffling through 4 GMs in 4 years, next hire must provide stability

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Wanted: Baseball executive with credibility, experience and a desire to stay with the Mets organization long term.

The Mets have posted that particular flyer dating back to last offseason, when new owner Steve Cohen and returning executive Sandy Alderson attempted and failed to hire a president of baseball operations to lead the front office. In the past 10 months, two GMs in Jared Porter and Zack Scott have been let go by the Mets after landing in hot water.

Though the Cohen-Alderson regime has so far come up empty in locking down a lasting individual to run day-to-day operations, the position of GM has been a revolving door within the franchise since Alderson stepped down from the same role in 2018.

In the past four years, the Mets organization has shuffled through four GMs including Alderson, Brodie Van Wagenen, Porter and Scott. To avoid future reshuffling, hiring a credible individual to run the front office long term is No. 1 on the Mets priority list this offseason.

The key word here is "long term" because only then will the club find the stability it so deeply needs.

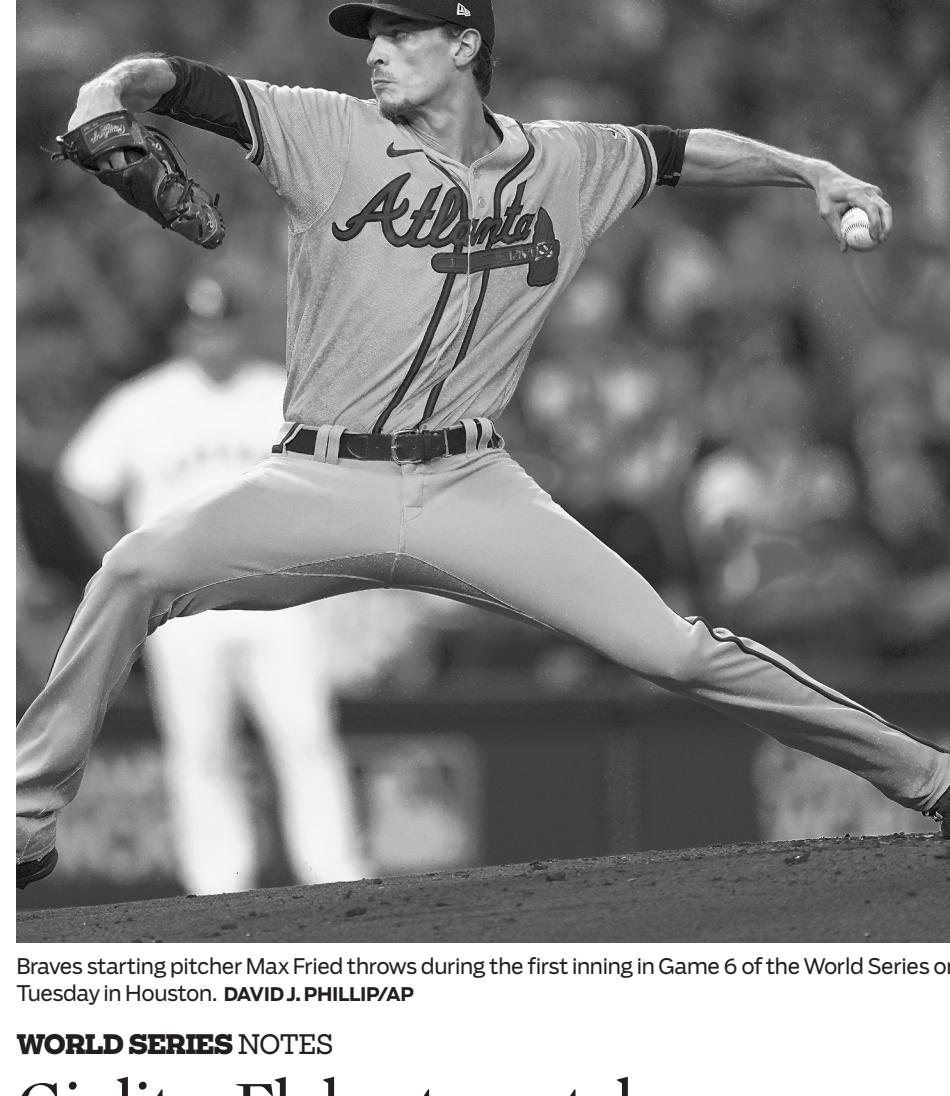
Cohen and Alderson are taking their time to find the right individual in large part because they are struggling to find a candidate to even get to the lock-down stage with.

Whether it is incompetence (unable to lure top executives to take the job) or MLB politics (denied permission to talk to execs from other teams), the search is dragging on painfully and publicly.

"What I'm hopeful for is that we can find someone that's going to be invested in the team long term and will get in the weeds and provide us not only with the leadership and expertise that we need on the baseball side," Alderson said in September during his end-of-season press conference.

From my standpoint, I'm happy to turn that over to someone that we find who's more than capable."

The Mets have not officially commented on the direction of their search for a head of baseball operations and/or GM since Alderson took the podium a couple of months ago. Since then, Cohen has struck out multiple times in attempting to secure a



Braves starting pitcher Max Fried throws during the first inning in Game 6 of the World Series on Tuesday in Houston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

WORLD SERIES NOTES

Giolito, Flaherty watch prep teammate Fried work in Game 6

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chicago White Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito and St. Louis pitcher Jack Flaherty were on hand to watch Max Fried, their teammate at Harvard-Westlake High School in California, start Game 6 of the World Series for the Atlanta Braves against Houston.

The two pitchers watched along with Harvard-Westlake's Matt LaCour, the baseball coach there from 2002-15 and now one of the school's athletic directors.

"It's quite an honor to be here," La Cour said.

All three were opening day starting pitchers this season.

Fried was 6-1 with a 1.77 ERA and a save as a sophomore for the Wolverines in 2012 and Fried was 8-2 with a 2.02 ERA as a senior. Giolito got hurt early his senior season and finished 2-1 with a 0.84 ERA.

Rings put away: Houston Astros third baseman Alex Bregman said he hasn't worn his 2017 World Series championship ring since getting it, and hasn't even looked at it since then.

"I've been focused on the next one," Bregman said.

The championship ring Dusty Baker won as a player has been put away a whole lot longer than that.

Baker wasn't the Astros manager when they won their title four years ago, but he was a player for the Los Angeles Dodgers when they were champions in 1981.

While Baker said the ring no longer fits, he said he never wore it when it did.

"I'm not the kind of guy that flashes your jewelry and stuff, you know what I mean? Some people like to wear it. It was a lot more sedate then than the rings they're giving out now," Baker said. "If you wear it now, you have to talk to people that maybe you might not want to talk to."

Missing Morton: Charlie Morton was able to rejoin his Braves teammates over the weekend for World Series games at

home, but manager Brian Snitker said the Game 1 starter wasn't able to go with them back to Houston for the potential clincher.

Morton was still recovering from surgery on the broken right fibula he sustained in Game 1 a week earlier.

"He's not allowed to fly. I hate it for Charlie that he couldn't come, but he physically couldn't, wasn't able to come with us," Snitker said. "He's back in Atlanta."

Morton took a one-hop screamer off his leg starting the second inning in Game 1, a ball hit so hard it ricocheted to first baseman Freddie Freeman for an out. Morton then pitched another full inning before exiting the game after striking out Jose Altuve.

Snitker said it was good having Morton in the clubhouse in Atlanta.

"We were glad that he could be there and be around the guys," Snitker said. "I hate it for him that he couldn't join us here now."

Last stand — literally: Houston Astros reliever Kendall Graveman very likely could have been the last pitcher to stand in the batter's box during a World Series game. And stand he did, taking six pitches and a called third strike in the ninth inning of Houston's 9-5 win in Game 5.

"They told me don't swing. And by them, it was like 10 or 12 people," Graveman said Tuesday before Game 6, when the series was back in the American League park with the designated hitter back in play. "The competitor inside of me absolutely wanted to go up there and swing."

There's a good chance Major League Baseball will bring the DH to the National League next year — likely forever.

Int'l November: Game 6 marked only the second time

SCOREBOARD

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EASTERN CONFERENCE								
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
Florida	9	8	1	17	36	18		
Buffalo	8	5	2	11	25	17		
Tampa Bay	9	5	3	1	29	30		
Detroit	9	4	3	2	10	29	31	
Toronto	9	4	4	1	9	21	29	
Boston	7	4	3	0	8	18	20	
Ottawa	8	3	5	0	6	20	25	
Montreal	10	2	8	0	4	19	34	
METRO	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
Carolina	8	8	0	0	16	33	12	
N.Y. Rangers	9	6	2	1	13	22	19	
Washington	9	5	1	3	13	32	22	
Columbus	8	5	3	0	10	23	22	
Philadelphia	7	4	2	1	9	25	21	
New Jersey	7	4	2	1	9	21	21	
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	2	2	8	17	18	
Pittsburgh	8	3	3	2	8	26	25	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL								
GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
St. Louis	7	6	1	0	12	29	15	
Winnipeg	8	4	2	10	28	26		
Minneapolis	8	5	3	0	10	22	26	
Nashville	8	4	4	0	8	23	22	
Colorado	8	4	4	0	8	24	27	
Dallas	8	3	4	1	7	15	22	
Chicago	10	1	2	4	22	38		
Arizona	9	0	8	1	1	33	39	
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
Edmonton	8	7	1	0	14	38	23	
Calgary	8	6	1	1	13	29	15	
San Jose	8	5	3	0	10	22	19	
Anaheim	10	3	4	3	9	31	35	
Vegas	8	4	4	0	8	21	26	
Los Angeles	9	3	5	1	7	24	27	
Vancouver	9	3	5	1	7	22	25	
Seattle	10	3	6	1	7	27	37	

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Arizona at Philadelphia, late
Detroit at Montreal, late
Vegas at Toronto, late
Dallas at Winnipeg, late
Ottawa at Minnesota, late
Nashville at Calgary, late
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, late
New Jersey at Anaheim, late
Buffalo at San Jose, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Carolina at Chicago, 8:30p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 8:30p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Tampa Bay 3, Washington 2
Chicago 5, Ottawa 1
Edmonton 5, Seattle 2

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	5	2	.714	—
Philadelphia	5	2	.714	—
Toronto	5	3	.625	½
Brooklyn	4	3	.571	1
Boston	2	5	.286	3
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	5	1	.833	—
Washington	5	2	.714	½
Charlotte	5	3	.625	1
Atlanta	4	3	.571	½
Orlando	2	6	.250	4
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	6	1	.857	—
Cleveland	4	4	.500	2½
Milwaukee	3	4	.429	3
Indiana	2	6	.250	4½
Detroit	1	5	.167	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	4	3	.571	½
San Antonio	2	5	.286	2½
Houston	1	5	.167	3
New Orleans	1	6	.143	4½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	5	1	.833	—
Denver	4	3	.571	1½
Minnesota	3	3	.500	2
Portland	3	4	.429	2½
Oklahoma City	1	6	.143	4½
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	5	1	.833	—
L.A. Lakers	4	3	.571	½
Sacramento	3	3	.500	2
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
L.A. Clippers	2	4	.333	3

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Milwaukee at Detroit, late
Miami at Dallas, late
Sacramento at Utah, late
New Orleans at Phoenix, late
Houston at L.A. Lakers, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Orlando, 7p.m.

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7p.m.

New York at Indiana, 7p.m.

Portland at Cleveland, 7p.m.

Toronto at Washington, 7p.m.

Atlanta at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.

Denver at Memphis, 8p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8p.m.

Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.

Charlotte at Golden State, 10p.m.

New Orleans at Sacramento, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

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Philadelphia 113, Portland 103

Cleveland 113, Charlotte 110

Toronto 113, New York 104

Chicago 128, Boston 114

Atlanta 118, Washington 111

Memphis 106, Denver 97

Orlando 115, Minnesota 97

L.A. Clippers 99, Oklahoma City 94

TENNIS

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MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#1 Novak Djokovic d. Martin Fucsovics, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0

#6 Casper Ruud d. Alexander Bublik, 6-4, 6-0

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64

#9 Felix Auger-Allsopp d. Gianluca Mager, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1

#11 Diego Schwartzman d.

John Millman, 7-6 (2), 5-7, 6-2

James Duckworth d. #14 Roberto Bautista Agut, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4

#15 Gael Monfils d.

Miomir Kecmanovic, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3

#16 Grigor Dimitrov d. Richard Gasquet, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2

Reilly Opelka d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-3, 7-6 (4)

Tommy Paul d. Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-3, 6-4

Karen Khachanov d. Mikael Ymer, 6-4, 6-5

Felix Pizzatello d. Lorenzo Sonego, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3

Carlo Alcaraz d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2), 7-5, 6-2

Alexei Popyrin d. T. J. Paul, 6-3, 6-3

Marin Cilic d. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina, 6-3, 6-4

Marcos Giron d. Frances Tiafoe, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3

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WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#2 Misaki Doi d. Katie Volynets, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (4)

Conny Perrin d. #4 Harriet Dart, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1

#5 Catherine McNally d.

Reese Brantmeier, 6-3, 7-5

#6 Katarzyna Kawa d. Alycia Parks, 6-3, 6-1

#7 Lizette Cabrera d. Han Na-lae, 7-6 (2), 6-3

Catherine Harrison d. Marcela Zárateas, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3

Francesca Di Lorenzo d. Ellie Douglas, 6-4, 6-4

Elyse Kalieva d. Whitney Osu

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JETS

Wilson's personal QB coach Beck added to the staff

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Zach Wilson will have a familiar face by his side for the rest of the season.

The New York Jets have hired John Beck, the rookie's personal quarterback coach, as a full-time assistant.

Beck began working with the team last week and was on the sideline wearing team gear and a headset during the Jets' 34-31 victory over Cincinnati on Sunday, led by Mike White's stunning performance.

Wilson, who is sidelined with a sprained knee ligament, has worked with Beck for a few years. The two even met up in Utah during the Jets' bye-week break two weeks ago.

"He went to see John and I was like, 'Why not just bring him here?'" coach Robert Saleh said Tuesday. "So we just started talking about it and one thing leads to another. Now there's just a really good plan in terms of how to get him through the rest of the year and keep himself connected and keep everything tight."

The 40-year-old Beck had never previously been an NFL coach, but has become one of the game's leading personal quarterback gurus while working with several pro passers at his 3DQB facility in Huntington Beach, California.

The hope is Beck will able to assist offensive coordinator Mike LaFleur, quarterbacks coach Rob Calabrese and senior offensive assistant Matt Cavanaugh in helping Wilson, the No. 2 overall pick, develop. Beck has familiarity with the Shanahan-style offense LaFleur is running since he played under Mike Shanahan in Washington.

"We thought it would be really good to just have John in our building, learn the verbiage that we're teaching along with the things that are being asked of all our quarterbacks," Saleh said. "So when he is having those conversations, those on-the-side conversations, everybody's speaking the same language. And he can tie in what he does as a quarterback guy to the students."

Giants

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NFL coaches use the Bose SoundComm B30 headset for wireless sideline communication. The company advertises the \$849.95 pair of headphones on its website with three photos of Rams coach Sean McVay and a McVay endorsement:

"When the stadium is rocking, my Bose headset allows me to keep my focus on the things that matter most."

"We are looking into the matter with all involved parties; however, we are confident that nothing is attributable to the Bose headset," the NFL added.

Judge obviously disagreed after using timeouts at the 10:35 and 3:09 marks of the second quarter, which left him with none to use on the final unsuccessful drive of the first half.

"There were two times [Monday] where the headsets were an issue," Judge said. "We will do hand signals or whatever we have to do. If we can't rely on the equipment, we will figure something else out. At one point, we tried to go back to the old equipment, and they told us we were not allowed to do it for whatever reason. We didn't have issues



Patriots quarterback Mac Jones talks with offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels during a timeout against the Texans on Oct. 10 in Houston.
JUSTIN REX/AP

PATRIOTS

Pats ran into trouble when they passed at Chargers' goal line

By Nicole Yang
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels acknowledged that his play-calling at the goal line midway through the second quarter of Sunday's game against the Chargers was "not a good sequence."

"I think I can do better than that, and I want to do better than that for our team," McDaniels said Tuesday morning. "Those are always really important plays."

On first and goal, with the ball at the Chargers' 4-yard line, Patriots rookie quarterback Mac Jones couldn't connect with Kendrick Bourne on a short pass that bounced off Bourne's fingertips. On second and goal, running back Damien Harris ran the ball to the 1-yard line.

On third and goal, Jones and tight end Hunter Henry came up empty. On fourth and goal, the Patriots ran another pass play, this time a corner fade route by Jakobi Meyers. But the ball was out of his reach, forcing a turnover on downs.

"I look back on that sequence, and it's probably one of the ones that I could do differently," McDaniels said. "If it works, it's great and everybody thinks it was a great call."

Given New England's field position and the fact that the Chargers owned the NFL's worst-ranked run defense, there was a lot of merit to calling running plays on both third and fourth down.

McDaniels, however, said he

was considering other options because the Patriots had already executed one of their goal-line plays earlier in the game. On New England's opening possession, Harris punched the ball into the end zone from the 1-yard line on third down.

The score was New England's lone offensive touchdown of the day, despite three trips inside the 10-yard line. Through eight games, the Patriots rank 28th in the league in red-zone conversion percentage (53.6).

"We only have a handful of things you do down there, inside that yard line," McDaniels said.

"At that point [on third and goal], is it the wrong thing to do to run it? No, it's not the wrong thing to do to run it at all. But I was kind of using some of the things I had seen previously, made the choice to [pass], and it didn't work out in our favor."

Straightening the line: Right tackle Trent Brown remains eligible to be activated off injured reserve this week, but McDaniels had no update on Brown's status.

Might he return to practice Wednesday?

"I don't know that," McDaniels said. "I know that he's working really hard to get back as soon as possible. I'm eager for that to happen, as I'm sure everybody is. I'm sure if there's any chance he could, he would. I know he's working really hard and I'm hopeful to see him as soon as possible."

Brown played just seven snaps in Week 1 before suffering a calf injury that has sidelined him for an extended period of time.

pressures, one QB hit, three tackles and one tackle for loss in a season-high 50 snaps. He got the opportunity in part due to Lorenzo Carter (ankle) sitting out the game. Roche made the most of it.

Toney not at full strength:

Kadarius Toney was limited to 34 snaps and used sparingly. He seemed well below 100% due to his right ankle injury, though he wouldn't confirm it was bothering him. "I would not call it a pitch count, but we were structuring it based on how he did in practice this week," Judge said, basically describing a pitch count.

Sterling Shepard left the game with an ugly, non-contact quad injury. He'd missed three of the previous four games with hamstring injuries to both legs.

Judge and Daniel Jones wouldn't reveal the extent of Shepard's injury, but they didn't sound encouraged.

Dante Pettis' shoulder injury looked serious after a muffed punt early in the second quarter, as well. He looked to be holding his wrist, not his shoulder. But he was quickly ruled out of the game.

The Giants were missing Kenny Golladay (hyperextended right knee) for a third straight game on top of all that. Wideout C.J. Board (broken forearm) also is done for the year.

KNICKS

Raptors loss was a reminder: Knicks go as Julius Randle goes

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

INDIANAPOLIS — There's a predictable pattern that revolves around the Knicks star.

When Julius Randle is positively impacting both sides of the court, the Knicks tend to win.

When he's struggling and ball-stopping on offense — like Monday's ugly effort against Toronto — they almost always lose.

The stats overwhelmingly back up the eye test with Randle. The Knicks were 2-27 last season when he posted a negative net rating, meaning his defense and offense combined for a minus.

That continued into the playoffs, where Randle was frustratingly bottled up and the Knicks were bounced in five games. His net rating in that series? Negative-12.1.

In Monday's 113-104 loss to the Raptors, Randle's body language was off as he meandered through 37 minutes. He was a step slow with the ball and two steps slow on defense, as the Knicks were outscored by 15 points with their All-Star on the court.

Oftentimes Randle shoulders the blame and responsibility, but his postgame tone Monday was more defiant. Asked about the Raptors defensive adjustments, Randle responded, "They didn't do a thing."

Then quizzed on why he scored just four points after the first quarter, Randle said, "Just the flow of the game, I guess. I don't know."

Tom Thibodeau is never direct with criticism of his players publicly, but it's notable he emphasized ball movement out of double teams when asked about Randle's struggles after the first quarter. It was the same issue for Randle in the playoffs. When he's not shooting well, Randle can force the issue or react slowly to the pressure.



The Knicks' Julius Randle drives against the Raptors' OG Anunoby on Monday at Madison Square Garden in New York. AL BELLO/GETTY

"The game tells you what happened," Thibodeau said. "If they load up, we got wide open shots and a lot of it was off drive and kick. So you've got to read the game, put it on the floor and you've got to spray. And when we did that, we were able to find (open shots), if they're going to commit to sending two to him, he's got to keep moving, we've got to keep searching."

The good news for New York is the negative games are the minority for Randle. They dominated his first season under David Fizdale, but there's a reason Randle was awarded the NBA's Most Improved Player. There's also a reason the Knicks are 5-2.

"Julius is our engine," Thibodeau espouses.

The engine still doesn't run consistently when the shot is off, however. Randle's misses or frustrations tend to bleed into other phases of his game.

With a road game against the Pacers on Wednesday, there's a good chance Randle will bounce back. As long as he holds the keys to the offense, the Knicks clearly need the Randle that disappeared Monday.

Celtics

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71 points from Tatum and Brown (Charlotte).

Despite being down 19 points, the Bulls knew if they ramped up the defense, and played harder, they could take away the Celtics' will. They never relented but the Celtics did. That's the sign of an apathetic and passionless team.

The Celtics made five of 23 shots in the fourth quarter and two of those were by 35-year-old Al Horford, whom the Celtics are depending on a lot more than expected.

Udoka is trying to find the remedy, trying to figure how to harness talent into a team that consistently plays hard, is cohesive, especially in the clutch, and doesn't shake off losses like they're summer AAU games. Yes, it's still early but "What the hell is wrong with the Celtics?" is a question being asked frequently around NBA circles.

Teams with new coaches outside of Boston appear excited to play for their new coach. The Celtics just don't. Do they want to win for Udoka? Do they respect his authority? Do they believe they have better and different answers than Udoka?

"We gave them some life, they got it going and we didn't respond," Horford said. "The reality is even though we've had success here in the past and we won games, this is a new team and it's hard to win in this league. The effort is starting to be there. We need to be able to finish games and not stop playing or not relax."

When Udoka has to laud his team for playing hard for 48 minutes, that's a problem. That's what they're supposed to do, Coach.

"It's a lesson learned, a hard one that should hurt," Udoka said. "We should be [ticked] off."

Giants

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NFL coaches use the Bose SoundComm B30 headset for wireless sideline communication. The company advertises the \$849.95 pair of headphones on its website with three photos of Rams coach Sean McVay and a McVay endorsement:

"When the stadium is rocking, my Bose headset allows me to keep my focus on the things that matter most."

"We are looking into the matter with all involved parties; however, we are confident that nothing is attributable to the Bose headset," the NFL added.

Judge obviously disagreed after using timeouts at the 10:35 and 3:09 marks of the second quarter, which left him with none to use on the final unsuccessful drive of the first half.

"There were two times [Monday] where the headsets were an issue," Judge said. "We will do hand signals or whatever we have to do. If we can't rely on the equipment, we will figure something else out. At one point, we tried to go back to the old equipment, and they told us we were not allowed to do it for whatever reason. We didn't have issues



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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Hobbled Titans sign RB Peterson

The Titans signed 2012 NFL MVP and four-time All-Pro running back Adrian Peterson to help replace NFL rushing leader Derrick Henry. The Titans announced Tuesday they signed Peterson to the practice squad. This is the sixth NFL team for Peterson, 36, who had been unsigned since finishing last season with the Lions. The Titans plan to add him to the active roster for their game against Rams on Sunday night. Henry was scheduled for surgery Tuesday for his injured right foot. The Titans placed him on injured reserve Monday. Peterson is the running back who most resembles Henry, at least in production. Peterson is a seven-time Pro Bowl running back. He led the NFL in rushing three different seasons, the last in 2015. He also is one of only eight players in NFL history to run for at least 2,000 yards in a season. Peterson ranks fifth all time in the NFL with 14,820 yards rushing, trailing Emmitt Smith, Walter Payton, Frank Gore and Barry Sanders. The 6-foot-1, 220-pound Peterson has 3,192 carries and 118 touchdowns in his 14-year career. He also has 301 catches for 2,466 yards receiving and six TD catches in 180 games. The Titans also signed running back D'Onta Foreman and two others to the practice squad.

Helton next Georgia Southern coach



Georgia Southern hired former Southern California coach Clay Helton on Tuesday, seven weeks after USC fired him. Helton was the first coach fired this season, and was two games into his eighth season at USC. The 49-year-old was 46-24 with the Trojans, including a

Rose Bowl victory after the 2016 season and a Pac-12 title in 2017. Georgia Southern fired coach Chad Lunsford after a 1-3 start to the season. The Eagles (2-6, 1-4 Sun Belt) are last in the Sun Belt's East Division heading into Saturday's game against No. 21 Coastal Carolina. Georgia Southern won six national titles when it competed in Division I-AA, before moving up to the NCAA's top college football tier in 2014 and joining the Sun Belt. Helton was offensive coordinator at USC before being named interim coach when Steve Sarkisian was let go during the 2015 season, and eventually promoted to head coach. The Trojans had two good seasons with Sam Darnold at quarterback to start Helton's tenure. But he couldn't sustain the success. After a blowout loss at home to Stanford on Sept. 11, Helton was fired.

Ex-FIFA officials indicted for fraud

Former FIFA officials Sepp Blatter and Michel Platini were charged with fraud and other offenses by Swiss prosecutors on Tuesday after a six-year investigation into a controversial \$2 million payment. The 85-year-old Blatter and 66-year-old Platini now face a trial. They could be jailed for several years if found guilty. "This payment damaged FIFA's assets and unlawfully enriched Platini," Swiss federal prosecutors said in a statement. The case was opened in September 2015 and ousted Blatter ahead of schedule as FIFA president. It also ended Platini's campaign to succeed his former mentor. It centers on Platini's written request to FIFA in January 2011 to be paid backdated additional salary for working as a presidential adviser in Blatter's first term, from 1998-2002. Blatter told FIFA to make the payment within weeks. He was preparing to campaign for re-election against Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar, where Platini's influence with European voters was seen as key. Blatter has been charged with fraud, mismanagement, misappropriation of FIFA funds and forgery of a document. Platini has been charged with fraud, misappropriation, forgery and as an accomplice to Blatter's alleged mismanagement.

—News services



Since joining the Buccaneers ahead of last season, Tom Brady is 0-3 in regular-season games against the NFC South rival Saints. BUTCH DILL/AP

NFL

Brady not always at his best

In regular season, Saints seem to have Bucs QB's number

By Arnie Stapleton

Associated Press

Only one team consistently confounded Tom Brady during his two-decade rule in the AFC: the Broncos.

They were the only team that had a winning record against him while he was winning six rings with the Patriots, going 9-8 against Brady. Mike Shanahan is the only head coach to beat him five times, and the Broncos took three of four from Brady in the playoffs, twice in the AFC championship behind Peyton Manning.

Brady's new kryptonite in the NFC is the Saints.

They beat him for the third time in four tries Sunday when Dennis Allen dialed up a defense that denied Brady another of his patented game-winning drives in the closing minutes and deked him into throwing an interception that P.J. Williams turned into a pick-six that sealed the Saints' 36-27 victory.

"I just threw it to the wrong guy," said Brady, who also had two second-quarter turnovers that the Saints converted into nine points. "I had Mike (Evans) open. It cost us the game."

The Saints, led by backup quarterback Trevor Siemian after starter Jameis Winston's season-ending knee injury, took a 29-27 lead on Brad Johnson's chip shot field goal after they stalled at the Buccaneers' 5-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

That left Brady with a minute, 41 seconds and one timeout to get the Bucs into position for a field goal and his 51st career comeback.

So many times we've seen Brady chew up the clock and the yards on his way to leading his team to victory in these situations.

Not this time.

His first pass, to Evans, fell incomplete.

His second, to Chris Godwin, was picked off by Williams, who returned 40 yards down the sideline for the touchdown.

"He telegraphed it a little bit," groaned Bucs coach Bruce Arians. "And the DB made a helluva play."

Sean Payton ran up to Allen to celebrate another masterful game plan that stifled Brady, who threw for 375 yards and four touchdowns, but also committed a trio of turnovers that the Saints converted into 16 points.

"It's tough to win when you turn the ball over like we did," Brady said. "So, I have to not throw interceptions. That's the key."

Ever since bolting the New England snow and shovels for Florida's sand and sunshine, Brady has been unable to solve the Saints defense, save for his divisional playoff win last season when Drew Brees was tottering toward retirement.

Since Brady's arrival, the Buccaneers have had just three games out of 28 in which they've had five or more combined sacks and turnovers, and all three have come against the Saints, who sacked Brady three times Sunday.

Including the playoffs, Brady has thrown 67 touchdown passes with just 13 interceptions against all other teams, but against the Saints he has just eight TD throws and seven interceptions.

He's 20-4 against all other opponents, 1-3 against the Saints, who have found a way to mix talent and technique with timing and scheming to make Brady look mortal, forcing him into the kinds of bad throws that only the Broncos used to be able to do, back when they jockeyed with the Patriots for AFC supremacy.

The Saints' victory kept the Bucs (6-2) from getting too far ahead of them in the NFC South race, where they're just a half-game back.

The victory could prove costly, however, with Winston's left knee injury interrupt-

ing a promising second chapter of his career.

Power rankings

The Associated Press Pro32 NFL Power Rankings, as voted by a 12-member panel, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Monday, total points based on 32 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 32nd-place vote, and previous ranking:

Rank, team	W	L	T	Pts	Pvs
1. Los Angeles Rams (7)	7	1	0	375	3
2. Green Bay Packers (5)	7	1	0	374	4
3. Arizona Cardinals	7	1	0	356	1
4. Dallas Cowboys	6	1	0	348	5
5. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	6	2	0	335	2
6. Buffalo Bills	5	2	0	327	7
7. Tennessee Titans	6	2	0	311	6
8. New Orleans Saints	5	2	0	288	13
9. Las Vegas Raiders	5	2	0	282	11
10. Baltimore Ravens	5	2	0	279	9
11. Cincinnati Bengals	5	3	0	278	8
12. Pittsburgh Steelers	4	3	0	240	16
13. Los Angeles Chargers	4	3	0	237	10
14. Kansas City Chiefs	4	4	0	226	14
15. New England Patriots	4	4	0	223	18
16. Cleveland Browns	4	4	0	209	12
17. Minnesota Vikings	3	4	0	176	15
18. Carolina Panthers	4	4	0	167	24
19. San Francisco 49ers	3	4	0	159	21
20. Indianapolis Colts	3	5	0	154	17
21. Seattle Seahawks	3	5	0	149	22
21. Denver Broncos	4	4	0	149	22
23. Philadelphia Eagles	3	5	0	128	25
24. Chicago Bears	3	5	0	109	20
25. Atlanta Falcons	3	4	0	103	19
26. New York Giants	2	6	0	81	27
27. New York Jets	2	5	0	78	30
28. Washington	2	6	0	75	26
29. Miami Dolphins	1	7	0	41	28
30. Jacksonville Jaguars	1	6	0	35	29
31. Houston Texans	1	7	0	26	32
32. Detroit Lions	0	8	0	18	31

CFP RANKINGS

Georgia No. 1; Cincinnati outside top 4

By Matt Murschel
Orlando Sentinel

Georgia grabbed the top spot in the first College Football Playoff rankings of the 2021-22 season but it was Cincinnati and Oregon who stole the early headlines.

It was the 31st appearance by the Bulldogs (8-0) and the third time they've been No. 1 in the rankings, but the first since Nov. 7, 2017.

Much of the focus on the first rankings centered around where the committee would place undefeated Cincinnati (8-0). The Bearcats are looking to become the first Group of Five program to make the playoff but they face a perceived uphill climb with the committee ranking them at No. 6.

Alabama (7-1) and Michigan State (8-0) came in at Nos. 2 and 3 respectively, but it was the committee's decision to put Oregon (7-1) at No. 4 that was somewhat of a surprise.

The Ducks wound up one spot ahead of Ohio State (7-1) at No. 5.

Oregon defeated the Buckeyes 35-28 on Sept. 11 with their only loss coming against struggling Stanford (3-5) on Oct. 2.

Alabama and Ohio State have appeared in every ranking (43) since the inception of the playoff in 2014.

Michigan (7-1) came in at No. 7 despite stumbling late against Michigan State. Oklahoma (9-0) landed at No. 8 as the Sooners haven't looked impressive, struggling in one-score wins over Tulane, Nebraska, West Virginia, Kansas State and Texas.

Notre Dame (7-1) rounded out the top ten.

This is the first of six weekly rankings released by the 13-member selection committee, with the final standings revealed Sunday, Dec. 5. Those rankings will determine the four semifinalists along with the teams taking part in the New Year's Six bowl games.

The two semifinals, which rotate annually, will take place in Dallas at the Cotton Bowl and in Miami at the Orange Bowl on Friday, Dec. 31.

The Peach (Dec. 30), Fiesta (Jan. 1), Rose (Jan. 1) and Sugar (Jan. 1) bowls host the rest of the New Year's Six games.

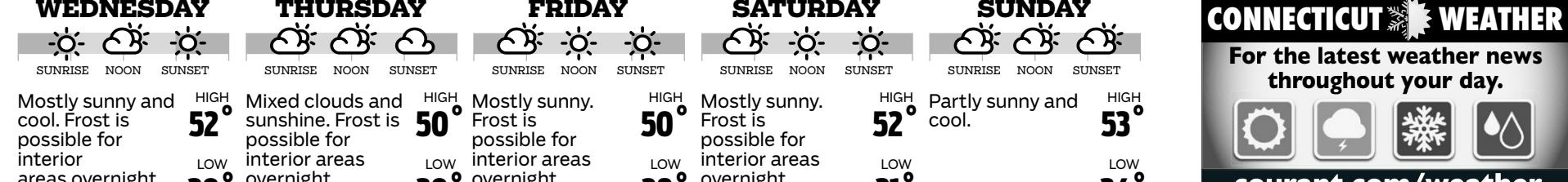
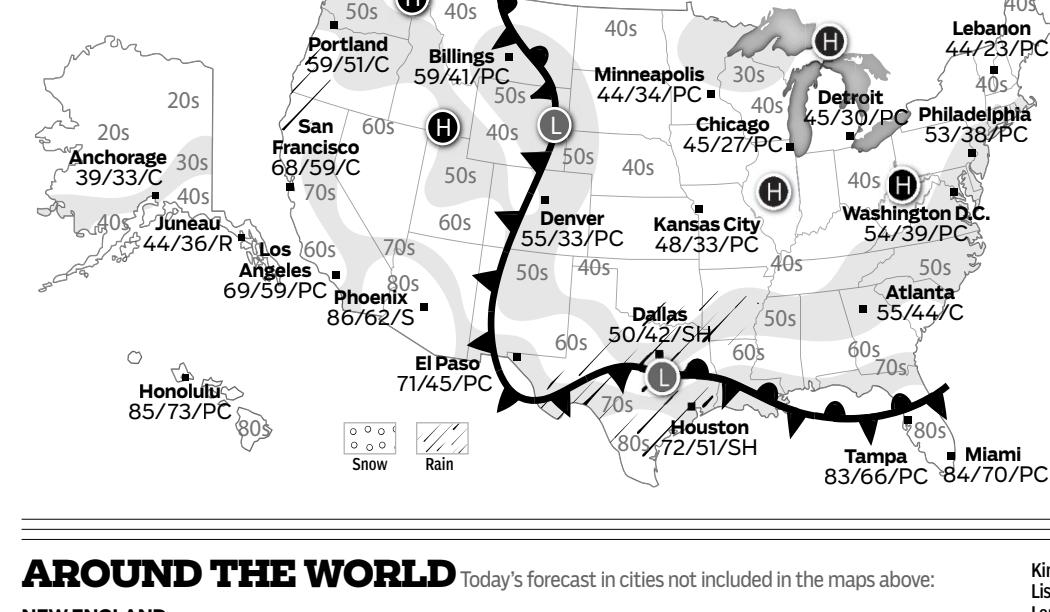
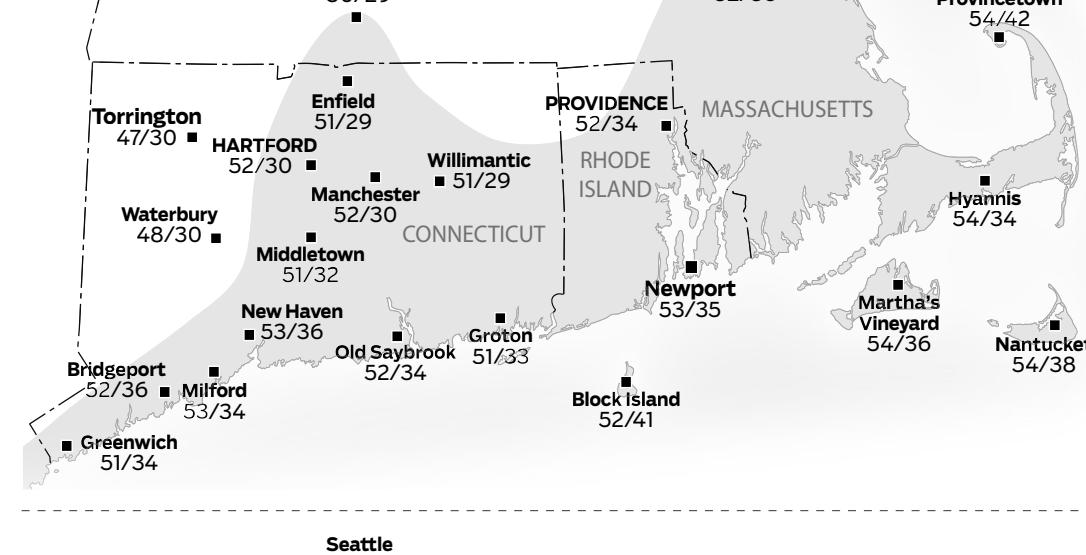
If Cincinnati doesn't qualify for the semifinals, the Bearcats would be eligible to earn an automatic spot in one of the New Year's Six Access bowl games as the top-ranked conference champion from the Group of Five.

The College Football Playoff national championship game is slated for Monday, Jan. 10 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The selection committee is composed of chairman Gary Barta, Mitch Barnhart, Paula Boivin, Tom Burman, Charlie Cobb, Boo Corrigan, Rick George, Will Shields, Gene Taylor, Joe Taylor, John Urschel, Rod West and Tyrone Willingham.

CFP rankings (Tuesday)

Rank, team	Record
1. Georgia	8-0
2. Alabama	7-1
3. Michigan State	8-0
4. Oregon	7-1
5. Ohio State	7-1
6. Cincinnati	8-0
7. Michigan	7-1
8. Oklahoma	9-0
9. Wake Forest	8-0
10. Notre Dame	7-1
11. Oklahoma State	7-1
12. Baylor	7-1
13. Auburn	6-2
14. Texas A&M	6-2
15. BYU	7-2
16. Mississippi	6-2
17. Mississippi State	5-3
18. Kentucky	6-2
19. NC State	6-2
20. Minnesota	6-3
21. Wisconsin	6-2
22. Iowa	6-2
23. Fresno State	7-2
24. San Diego State	7-1
25. Pittsburgh	6-2

WEATHER**YOURCAST****AROUND THE WORLD**

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore	52	33	PC	Nashville	51	31	C	San Juan	87	77	SH	Budapest	57	48	C	Kingston	91	75	C	Stockholm	49	42	SH
Bangor	49	25	PC	Bismarck	49	24	S	New Orleans	71	54	PC	Tucson	84	53	S	Lisbon	61	50	PC	Sydney	77	61	PC	
Burlington	43	26	PC	Boise	64	45	PC	New York	53	39	S	Buenos Aires	77	66	C	London	50	43	C	Tel Aviv	79	60	PC	
Caribou	45	23	PC	Buffalo	43	32	C	Okla. City	45	36	SH	Amsterdam	50	36	PC	Cairo	85	65	S	Tokyo	70	52	PC	
Concord	46	24	PC	Charleston	67	50	C	Omaha	45	34	C	Athens	73	59	S	Dubai	97	73	S	Milan	52	39	T	
Montpelier	41	22	PC	Cincinnati	48	28	PC	Orlando	83	61	PC	Bangkok	93	79	T	Edinburgh	49	35	PC	Montreal	41	30	PC	
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Portland	48	27	PC	Cleveland	73	57	C	Raleigh	56	41	PC	Beijing	61	41	PC	Hong Kong	82	75	PC	Paris	52	39	C	
Woods Hole	53	35	S	Indianapolis	47	29	PC	St. Louis	51	34	PC	Beirut	79	67	PC	Istanbul	66	57	SH	Rome	64	52	T	
NATION	Las Vegas	81	57	S	Salt Lake City	60	40	PC	Berlin	50	41	C	Jerusalem	72	55	PC	Rio de Janeiro	86	76	PC	Seoul	63	48	C
Albany	47	29	PC	Miami Beach	82	76	PC	San Antonio	69	50	SH	Bermuda	77	69	PC	Johannesburg	86	61	PC	Singapore	91	75	T	
Albuquerque	65	40	S	Milwaukee	43	28	PC	San Diego	71	60	PC													
Atlantic City	54	30	S																					

MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS**GIRLS SOCCER**

CCC-West
CONARD 2, HALL 2
Goals: C—Grace Beazoglou, Emma Sasano; H—Maddie Maxwell, Talia Sortman. Saves: C—Molly Brown, 3; H—Allie Keith, 5. Rec.: C—4-8-4; H—6-3-6.

SUFFIELD 3, EAST GRANBY 2 (20T)
Goals: S—Sarah Kent (3); EG—Morgan Egan, Julia Walsh. Saves: S—Ella Kollmorgen, 4; EG—Ava Guyer, 17. Rec.: S—13-3; EG—7-4-5.

COVENTRY 1, WINDSOR LOCKS 0

Goal: C—Natalie Neal. Saves: C—Amy Priot, 3; WL—Tristin Oberg, 2. Rec.: C—7-6-2; WL—6-6-3.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Conference Tournaments
CCC—First Round
E.O. SMITH 3, FARMINGTON 2 (18-25, 18-25, 26-24, 25-21, 17-15)
EOS—Sierra York, 15 assists, 12 digs, 8 kills, Ashley Lewis, 13 digs, 10 kills, 7 aces, Bella Mallory, 10 kills, 5 blocks; F: Sarah Bertolotto, 11 kills, Natalie Humenny, 20 digs, 7 kills. Rec.: EOS—17-2; F—10-9.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS**BOYS SOCCER**

CCC-North
NEWINGTON 3, WETHERSFIELD 1
ROCKY HILL 5, NEW BRITAIN 0

CCC-South
MIDDLETON 4, LEWIS MILLS 0

Goals: M—Marshall Butter (2), Dario Rigano, Alex Foligno. Saves: M—Tyler Hahn, 4; LM—Ryan Mayes, 3. Rec.: M—12-2; LM—7-5-4.

PLAINVILLE 1, BERLIN 1

BRISTOL CENTRAL 2, BRISTOL EASTERN 0

CCC-East

MANCHESTER 0, EAST HARTFORD 0

E.O. SMITH 2, TOLLAND 0

CCC-West

FARMINGTON 3, AVON 1

SOUTHBURY 3, NORTHWEST 0

CATHOLIC 1

Goals: S—Nina Muir (3); NWC—Emily Nicholas. Saves: S—Margaret Miller, 7; NWC—Brianna Lebrun, 7. Rec.: S—9-1-6; NWC—6-8-2.

CATHOLIC 3, CANTON 0

Goals: B—Isabel Kenney (2), Ellie Dube. Saves: B—Madison Peacock, 3; C—Julia Lau, 6. Rec.: B—7-8-1; C—7-8-1.

ROCKVILLE 10, HMTCA 2

GRANBY 3, ELLINGTON 0

CTC

ELLIS TECH 2, WILCOX TECH 0

CRAL

MLC 6, CLASSICAL 1

Goals: M—Sierra Walker (2), Caitlyn Danneman (2), Rhea Sterling, Karina Dauriour, Diana Coletti, Ketki Patange; A—Sophia DiBella. Saves: M—Zaida Kellier, 1; CM—Stephanie Koppy and Marla Radickas, 5; S—Madeline Brooke, 9. Rec.: G—12-2-1; S—8-1-6.

GRANBY 3, SOUTH WINDSOR 1

Goals: G—Alayna Taylor, Angela Chavez, Tia Taleb; S—Katie Perlitz. Saves: G—Stephanie Koppy and Marla Radickas, 5; S—Madeline Brooke, 9. Rec.: G—12-2-1; S—8-1-6.

GRANBY 3, EAST CATHOLIC 0

Goals: M—Laney Smith, Meg Gallagher; SHA—Ava King. Saves: M—Melina Ford, 2; SHA—Kyra King, 6. Rec.: M—14-2-2; SHA—13-1-3.

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC

SIMSURY 3, FARMINGTON 2

LEWIS MILLS 3, WINDSOR 0

Others

GRANBY 2, SOUTH WINDSOR 1

Goals: G—Fran Cade, Delaney Grimaldi; SW—Anna Kim. Saves: G—Reagan Winn, 4; SW—Paige Cambert, 4. Rec.: G—11-4; SW—5-10.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Conference Tournaments

CCC—Quarterfinals

BRISTOL EASTERN 3, CONARD 2 (23-25, 25-17, 25-20, 25-15-11)

Goals: BE—16-5; C—17-2.

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